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TWENTY-THREE WELL FILLED food baskets were distributed to needy families Saturday afternoon by members of the Beasley Murray VFW Post and the Auxiliary. The veterans organizations have made it a practice for many years to bring a bit of cheer into needy homes by taking food at Christmas time. The baskets included a large chicken, canned goods, bread, milk, oranges and candies. All food items were purchased by the VFW and auxiliary with the exception of the bread and milk, which was donated. Pankey Bros. Bakery and Bunny Bread donated a loaf of bread each for each basket which also included a half gallon of milk, donated by the Harrisburg Dairy. Kneeling, Joyce Moore, Albert Hathaway, vice commander of the VFW; Emma Shanks, president of the auxiliary; standing, left to right, Fritz Webb, Alvin Short, Hal Crowder and "Bud" Short. (Register Photo)

About Town

And Country

By TIMOTHEUS T.

BIRTH OF CHRIST (St. Luke II 4:20):

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David):

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they had heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

MINES

Tuesday, all idle.

Wednesday's Report

Sahara 6, 7, 2nd Washer work.

Peabody idle.

Blue Bird idle.

Carmac idle.

Will Scarlet idle.

Pope Pius Appeals to World to Unite Against Soviet Threats

Pontiff Endorses United Nations Force to Keep Peace

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Pope Pius XII appealed to the world in a Christmas message Sunday to unite against Soviet threats.

The Pontiff said he was not calling a "crusade" but "sad reality forces us to set forth the terms of the struggle in clear language . . . if we kept silent, we would have to fear the judgment of God."

The white-clad Pope, speaking from a golden throne, rebuked the Western powers for their timid approach to Soviet actions in Hungary and endorsed a United Na-

tions force to keep the peace. He said any nation refusing to admit U. N. observers—as did the Communist Janos Kadar government of Hungary—should be denied the exercise of their rights as U. N. members."

An authoritative Vatican source said today the Pope felt the United Nations should adopt sanctions against Russia as well as the Hungarian government for this refusal.

The source said what the Pope had in mind was a temporary sanction rather than outright expulsion of Russia from the United Nations as suggested recently by the Vatican newspaper *Osservatore Romano*.

All Out Effort Needed

The 80-year-old Pope, who was elected to the throne of St. Peter only a few weeks before Adolf Hitler's tanks rumbled into Poland in 1939, made it clear he felt world peace can still be saved.

But he said an all out effort is needed and that free nations must overcome their dissensions, forget individual interests and unite in the common cause against the Soviet threat.

In the most forceful of his 18 Christmas messages, the Pope held out the picture of the Soviet tanks "sowing death" in Hungary and the Soviet threat to use atomic weapons against Britain and France.

He urged the free world to act courageously to help small nations against aggression and warned that there should not be another Munich. He also warned that circumstances may occur in which a defensive war against an aggressor becomes lawful—a position long held by the Catholic church.

As has been the custom for many years, the First Presbyterian church of Harrisburg will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service, starting tonight at 11 o'clock.

There will be special music by the sanctuary and chancel choirs.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to join with the congregation of the Presbyterian church in this Christmas Eve worship service, by Rev. William Burroughs, pastor.

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THE CHRISTMAS STORY was presented in word and music in churches in Harrisburg and throughout the world Sunday and special services will be held in many churches Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. And most of the churches were specially decorated in keeping with the Spirit of Christmas. At left, the First Baptist church used a model of its building and the Star

of the East in a simple, but beautiful Christmas theme. The model of the First Baptist church building was mounted on the baptistry, with the Star centered and high above the church. At left, the altar of the First Presbyterian church included a Cross and the open Bible. Adding to the beauty were baskets of greenery, a background of candles and a large basket of Christ-

mas poinsettias in the foreground. Tonight, starting at 11 o'clock, the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service will be held at the Presbyterian church. Everyone is invited to attend this beautiful service, first held in 1931 and continued each year since.

(Daily Register Staff Photos)

Two Hardin County Men Killed; Nation's Toll Climbs to 411

California Leads With 41 Dead; Illinois Has 33

Other Accidents Push Number of Deaths to 485

By United Press

The nation's traffic death toll climbed relentlessly toward a Christmas holiday record today, and safety experts warned it is "increasingly evident" their estimate of 660 fatalities will be surpassed.

Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, said the toll going into the second half of the four-day holiday is running ahead of estimates. He pleaded with motorists for a "drastic improvement" in their safety habits.

A United Press count at 8 a.m. CST, showed 411 persons killed in traffic. Another 23 were killed in fires, 7 were killed in plane crashes and 44 died in miscellaneous accidents for an overall total of 485 killed.

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Dearborn said the toll could be cut in half if motorists exercised a bit of "courtesy, thoughtfulness and consideration."

ILLINOIS HEADS FOR BLACK CHRISTMAS

By United Press

Illinois motorists appeared heeded for another "black Christmas" today as the state's highway death toll climbed steadily.

A United Press survey showed at least 33 deaths on Illinois roads since the four-day holiday began at 6 p.m. Friday.

The final count threatens to top the tragic toll of 44 dead in the three-day Christmas holiday in Illinois last year. The count will end at midnight Christmas day.

The Illinois toll was the second highest in the nation for the holiday period which began at 6 p.m. Friday. The count will end at midnight Christmas day.

Heavy fog and rain soaked highways made driving hazardous in the state and was a contributing factor in a number of the crashes.

Budapest Celebrates Western Style Christmas, First There Since 1948

BUDAPEST (UPI)—A heavy fall of snow that blanketed the ruins of Budapest lent a holiday air today to the capital that is celebrating its first Western style Christmas since the Communists took over Hungary in 1948.

The Communist government lifted the curfew to permit Catholics to attend midnight mass. Santa Claus replaced the Russian "Father Frost" in the stores and there were religious displays of Christ in the manger and inscriptions of "peace on earth goodwill to men."

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, the Catholic primate who was released from a Communist prison during the rebellion, planned to spend Christmas Eve with his aged mother at the U. S. Legation where he sought political asylum seven weeks ago.

But the coal shortage was so acute work ground to a total halt Sunday at the key Csepel iron and steel mills. Most factories were idle although workers did turn up over the weekend. At Csepel some 17,000 workers were placed on half pay; another 4,000 were given full pay as maintenance employees.

Nixon arrived home convinced Communism dealt mortal blow

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Nixon said he will make specific recommendations to President Eisenhower before Jan. 1 on ways in which the United States can do its "full share" in helping the refugees from Hungary find new homes.

Nixon was met at the airport by a delegation of top government officials. But he reserved his biggest smile for his wife, Pat, and his two daughters, who burst through the crowd to greet him a few minutes after he stepped off the plane.

His 10-year-old daughter, Patricia, shouted: "Hi, daddy" as Nixon swept her and 8-year-old Julie into his arms with a bear hug.

Raised in the Rocky Branch area, he farmed until 1900 when he moved to Harrisburg to work in the coal mines. After his retirement he served as police magistrate for part of a term and then a term.

The body was taken to the Harrisburg funeral home, where the funeral will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday. Mr. Land was a member of the First Baptist church but his funeral will be conducted by the Rev. J. D. McCarty of McKinley Avenue Baptist church because of the absence from town of the First Baptist minister, the Rev. Joe Morman. Burial will be in Sunset Lawn cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Anna; the following children, Al Land of Dearborn, Mich.; Aud Land of Anderson, Ind.; Will and James Land of Harrisburg. Capt. Joseph V. Land, commanding officer of the U. S. Navy hospital at Pensacola, Fla., and Mrs. Lois Cummings of Dayton, Ohio; and the following stepchildren, Mrs. Geraldine Bell of Cape Girardeau, Mo., Mrs. Leone Wehner of Daytona Beach, Fla., Bronnagh Dixon of Orlando, Fla., and Kenneth Dixon of Birmingham, Mich.

Officer Taggart also reported another crash which occurred at 11:20 a.m. Saturday on Route 45 two miles north of Eldorado.

An auto driven by Thomas Allen Cheek, 74, of Eldorado Route 1 pulled onto Route 45 into the path of a car driven by Ralph D. Boatman, 17, of Forest Park, Ill. He said, causing two bruises on young Boatman's forehead and a slight injury to his mother, Mrs. Lillie Boatman. His father and Cheek were not hurt.

State Policeman Guthrie Alexander reported on the crash about 7:30 a.m. Saturday on Route 34 a mile and a quarter south of Pankeyville Saturday that just preceded another three-car crash just north of it.

Head-On Collision

In the first crash cars driven by Richard Howard of Rosiclare, a soldier going home for Christmas, Ewell Carter of Golden, Miss., and Robert Vickers of Memphis were involved.

Alexander said Vickers pulled out to pass a large truck and collided head-on with the Carter car. Howard, coming up in a heavy fog, ran into both vehicles.

Carter's wife, Edith, 24, was treated at the Harrisburg hospital for facial injuries and a daughter, Patsy, was cut. Another daughter, Patricia, was not hurt.

This crash was responsible for one that occurred about 15 minutes later, reported in Saturday's Register, in which three cars collided in the fog about a mile south of Pankeyville. Most seriously hurt was Clarence Potts, 65, who suffered a broken arm.

A car driven by Bonnie Jean Calvery of Maywood, Ill., stopped because of the crash ahead. A car driven by Ollis Potts of Chicago crashed into the rear of her car and one driven by Harry Earl Wray of Gary, Ind., hit the rear of the Potts machine.

The Weather

ILLINOIS: Cloudy tonight and tomorrow; colder tonight; warmer tomorrow. Low tonight in the upper 20s; high tomorrow in mid 40s.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE

Sunday	Monday
3 p. m. 52	3 a. m. 37
6 p. m. 50	6 a. m. 35
9 p. m. 45	9 a. m. 36
12 mid. 40	12 noon 40

Victims of Auto Crash on Pounds Hollow Road

Automobile

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May the Boy Grow Older—And Wiser

BY ROBERT HEAVILIN
Mankind, as we know it today, is still but a small boy in the eternal scheme of things.

He is sometimes awkward. He is prone to quibbling and fighting with himself and he has committed some serious mistakes, as children often do. His growing pains often seem unbearable.

But also, on occasion, he has come through with shining examples of his wonderful potential for greatness. He is and will remain a very complex being, this cosmic child, but he's still growing.

On Christmas Day, the boy focuses a sizable portion of his attention on a small infant. Our lad may also catch in his focus a stable, complete with straw and some animals. Or perhaps a desert scene, with a caravan of camels bearing the Magi or possibly that star to the East by which the caravan is navigating.

But the important thing our mankind-boy will see is the infant, who some 2,000 years ago brought a new moral force into the world.

This young, awkward boy won't stop to look too long—he's much too busy for that. And chances are he'll not be affected too much by the seeing.

We are individual cells of this boy, this organism—mankind. And as cells, we might possibly have the right to react in righteous indignation at the seeming callous outlook much of the organism—mankind—has.

But perhaps that is being too hasty in our judgment. Perhaps a growing boy pausing ever so slightly to recollect the historic drama of the Christmas Infant is all we should hope for.

Two thousand years ago, we had not even this one day. We have progressed, as far as that goes, by a whole 24 hours.

And some day, it is hoped, the boy will mature. And, whatever god he may pray to, will embrace the essence of the Bethlehem Infant's teachings, namely, that Good and not Evil, nor Force, nor Riches will one day rule mankind's life.

Christmas, then, is the day we recognize our immaturity. And more, it is the day when we renew and sharpen our vision of the goal the Infant of the Stable set for us that first Christmas night.

Someday, the boy that is mankind will become a man. And that is the hope of Christmas.

Geographic Center

Geographic center of the North American continent is in Pierce County, North Dakota, at latitude 48 degrees 10 minutes and longitude 100 degrees 10 minutes.

A piano should be tuned at least three times a year and voiced every three years.

"... For We Have Seen His Star in the East"



The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

(Editor's Note — Drew Pearson today continues his log of a Christmas season trip through the Arctic. He took with him a group of entertainers.)

DREW PEARSON Says:
The Igloos Have Disappeared From Greenland: A Colonel Swears By, Not At, His Troops; Too Many Broken Bottles At North Pole.

SONDRE STROM, Greenland. —When you look at the map of the Arctic, it seems as if you could almost throw a snowball from Labrador to Greenland. But it took five hours of steady flying from Goose Bay in a big Air Force Constellation to reach southern Greenland.

Below us were first the trees, rocks, mountain ranges of Labrador, then the open sea—cold, studded with icebergs, little icebergs at first, then bigger and bigger until the sea was all ice—sometimes cracks in the ice, but mostly ice. Not an inviting place to land. You can understand why the Air Force must have bases in this area, why men have to spend Christmas here, many lonesome miles from home.

We flew on. At noon the sun tried to come out, crimson and beautiful, but tired. After a feeble discouraged glow in the east, it set at 1:15 p. m. leaving us and the plane alone in the Arctic night.

It was warm inside the plane, almost too warm. Below a man could not last more than a few hours, even in Arctic clothing. Man has conquered part of the Arctic, has built air bases, barracks, even attractive churches, clubs, and gymnasiums. But out on the ice floes and the polar cap he cannot live, and woe unto any plane forced down on that simpering, cruel, relentless ice.

Sondre Strom is located up a narrow fjord. In the west they would call it a canyon. One thousand American troops are stationed here to fuel and repair U. S. bombers on practice maneuvers, or help Scandinavian airlines, if necessary, on its polar hop from Los Angeles to Stockholm.

All American bases in Greenland are operated by courtesy of the Danes. If they get tired of us

they can kick us out. American officials pay tribute to the fine cooperation of the Danes, and so far relations have been good. American troops are well behaved, though actually there isn't much contact.

There are only 25,000 Greenlanders in Greenland, an area almost four times as big as Texas. Most of the population lives in the extreme south or the east coast. Center of Greenland is an icecap, in some places 10,000 feet thick. Nothing below except ice with a few cracks in it and water showing through. When he was there in September it looked as if the water wasn't frozen. Unlike the South Pole which is solid land, the North Pole is just floating ice.

I asked Colonel Ellis what the formality was when you crossed the North Pole.

"Do you perform a ceremony as you do when you cross the equator?" I asked.

"Some people throw out a bottle with a message in it," he explained. "Of course, the bottle breaks, and so many people have thrown out bottles that I expect there must be quite a litter of broken glass around the Pole."

Got to bed around 1 a. m. We'd been up since 5:30. It's nice and warm in the hospital and guest house where we are quartered. In fact, it's almost too hot to sleep.

Schedule of Baptist Hour Over WEBQ

The following is the schedule for the Baptist Hour Association over radio station WEBQ daily from 7 to 8 a. m. with the church and minister in charge.

(Where churches are mentioned without a preacher, the pastor has resigned and another has not been selected.)

For any question about this list call the Rev. Ernest Ammon, Carter Mills 3092.

Dec. 25. Rev. Seba Marshall.

Dec. 26. Missionary Charles E. Holland.

Dec. 27. Rev. David Goddard.

Dec. 28. Dr. H. L. Waters and the Seminary Extension.

Dec. 29. Rev. Pearl Orr.

Dec. 30. Bankston Fork Baptist and Pastor Roy Reynolds.

Dec. 31. Ozark Baptist and Pastor Freddie Neible.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

She brought forth her first born son.—Luke 2:2.

He was born in a stable because there was no room at the inn. His coming had been foretold again and again and again. Wise men from the east journeyed far to see him for their study had assured them the time had arrived for the coming of the long promised Saviour.

They expected a Messiah who would bear rule from the River Euphrates to the uttermost parts of the earth. The isles they were assured would wait for his law. But what a shocking contradiction that he should be laid in a manger! Or that He should die on a cross!

Oh yes, we date all documents from the date of His birth, and we sing His praise in church, but He wants a home in our hearts.

Shall we make room in our hearts?

Largest of Its Kind

Hardy dam, on Michigan's Muskegon River, is the largest earth-work dam of its kind in the world. It is 1,000 feet wide, 120 feet high and forms a lake more than 16 miles long.

Of Vermont's 14 counties, there are 10 in which more than half the land is forested.

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

Jackson's Drug Store

Harrisburg

Television Programs

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Channel 12

MONDAY

Afternoon and Evening

5:00—Studio Show
5:45—Lucky Leroy Show
6:00—Cactus Pete
6:30—TV Reports
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Frankie Laine
7:30—Prophecy
8:00—Texas Rasslin'
9:00—Liberace
9:30—Organ Melodies
9:45—Four Star Final
10:00—Family Playhouse

TUESDAY

Morning and Afternoon

7:00—Today, NBC
9:00—Ding Dong School, NBC
9:30—Price is Right, NBC
10:00—Christmas Day Service, NBC
11:00—Tic Tac Dough, NBC
11:30—It Could Be You, NBC
12:00—Matinee
2:00—NBC Matinee Theatre
3:00—Queen For A Day, NBC
3:45—Modern Romances, NBC
4:00—Comedy Time
4:30—TBA

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5:00—Christmas Variety Show
6:00—Cactus Pete
6:30—TV Reports
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Cowboy G-Men
7:30—Mr. and Mrs. North
8:00—My Little Margie
8:30—Armstrong Theatre
9:30—Harmony Echoes Quartet
10:00—News
10:05—Family Playhouse

WEDNESDAY

Morning and Afternoon

7:00—Today, NBC
9:00—Ding Dong School, NBC
9:30—Price is Right, NBC
10:00—Home, NBC
11:00—Tic Tac Dough, NBC
11:30—It Could Be You, NBC
12:00—Corne Feeds
12:05—Matinee
1:30—TBA

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5:00—Studio Show
5:30—Visiting Southern Illinois
5:45—Lucky Leroy
6:00—Cactus Pete
6:30—TV Reports
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Roy Rogers
8:00—Disneyland, ABC
9:00—This is the Life
9:30—The Vise
10:00—News
10:05—Family Playhouse

WEDNESDAY

Morning and Afternoon

7:00—Good Morning, CBS
8:00—Captain Kangaroo, CBS

9:00—Garry Moore Show, CBS
9:30—Home & Market

9:45—Godfrey Time, CBS

10:30—Strike Rich, CBS

11:00—Valiant Lady, CBS

11:15—Love of Life, CBS

11:30—Search For Tomorrow, CBS

11:45—Guiding Light, CBS

12:00—Walter Cronkite News, CBS

12:30—Stand Up Be Counted, CBS

1:00—Film

1:30—Missouri People & Places

1:45—House Party, CBS

2:00—The Big Payoff, CBS

2:30—Bob Crosby Show, CBS

3:00—Brighter Day, CBS

3:15—Secret Storm, CBS

3:30—Edge of Night

4:00—Looking for Knowledge

4:15—Cowboy Corral

5:25—Cisco Kid

5:55—Crusader Rabbit Contest

6:00—The Scoreboard

6:05—Watching the Weather

6:15—Douglas Edwards, CBS

6:30—Robin Hood, CBS

7:00—Burns & Allen, CBS

7:30—Talent Scouts, CBS

8:00—I Love Lucy, CBS

8:30—December Bride, CBS

9:00—Sheriff of Cochise

9:30—Jane Wyman, NBC

10:00—Celebrity Playhouse

10:30—Loretta Young, NBC

11:00—Christmas Eve Service, CBS

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1:00—This Is The Life

1:30—Film

Social and Personal Items

Warmest
Wishes for
Christmas

Just a friendly wish that under
the glittering ornaments on your
Christmas tree you may find a
double measure of happiness.

To you and your loved ones —
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Ford Electric

219 S. Granger

MR. AND MRS. ISAAC BARKER—Mrs. Helen Newcomb is announcing the marriage of her sister, Miss Clara Ellen Joyner, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William L. Joyner, and Isaac Barker, son of Henry Barker of Mount Vernon, Ind., and the late Mrs. Barker. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Nomas Summers Dec. 14 at the home of the bride's aunt, Miss Allie Joyner, 907 South Chaney street, Harrisburg.

Christmas Party by Saline County Garden Club

Officers of the Saline County Garden club were hostesses at the home of Mrs. Nelle Meyers Tuesday, Dec. 18. The house was appropriately decorated with a white tree under which members placed gift packages containing plants, many of which were home grown. Cedar and pine branches, candles and poinsettias were also used throughout the house. An especial arrangement of holly and cedar brought by Mrs. Harrelson was much admired.

Mrs. Ray Durham presided at the business session and 22 members answered roll call by telling "the nicest thing I could give my garden."

The program chairman, Mrs. Harrelson, presented Mrs. L. B. Kimmel who gave a green thumb Christmas quiz and the answers. In it she told many potent facts centering around Christmas.

The "Legend of the Holly" was given by Mrs. Ed Gaskins.

Mrs. Harrelson read an article on "Gibberellic Acid," said to be a rare chemical which may have a revolutionary effect on plant growth.

Mrs. Nelle Meyers installed the following new officers and presented each with a small corsage:

President, Mrs. Michael Resheter; vice president, Mrs. LeRoy Reese; secretary, Mrs. J. W. Myers; treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Hart.

Gifts were exchanged after which the hostess committee served merangue shells, peppermint ice cream and coffee.

Woman's Missionary Society Hos Potluck Dinner and Party

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Church of God met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Curtis for a potluck dinner and Christmas party.

A bountiful dinner was served with the blessing being offered by Mrs. Bess Aldridge.

After the dinner the group gathered in the living room, around the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, and opened the meeting by singing Christmas carols. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Ethel Fisher.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. Gladys Aldridge. Plans were made for a Silver Tea to be held in the near future and a day was planned especially for the group to be united in prayer for the missionaries.

The devotion for the evening was given by Mrs. Margie Alexander. Announcements were made and the meeting was brought to a close with prayer. Gifts were exchanged and Mystery Pals revealed.

The January meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Bea Holland.

Others present were Beulah Lievers, Mrs. Gladys O'Connor, Mrs. Elsie Dudley, Mrs. Ethel Keneipp, Mrs. Verna White, Mrs. Anna Rhine, Clifford and Gary Curtiss.

Christmas Party by School Of Practical Nursing

The class of Harrisburg school of practical nursing held its Christmas party in the class room Dec. 21. All of the students were present with the class instructors, Mrs. Shirley Oshel, Mrs. Louise Cothran, and Mrs. Margaret Hart, class monitor.

A Christmas tree with beautiful trimming stood in one corner of the room and gaily wrapped gifts were piled around it.

The story of the birth of Christ was read by Mrs. Shirley Oshel and all joined in singing "Silent Night." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Margaret Hart and Santa Claus arrived and little Mike Oshel, a guest, helped Santa distribute the gifts.

The tables were loaded with Christmas goodies. Cake, cookies, candy, fruit and coffee were served.

Students will meet with Mrs. Hart at her home on Dec. 28 at 2 p. m. for a business meeting and planning of a class year book.

The class was dismissed from Dec. 21 to Dec. 27.

Arriving home for the holidays from Ferry Hall, the Girl's College Preparatory school in Lake Forest, Ill., is Barbara Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes, 211 West Poplar, following a week of festivities at the school. Barbara is a member of the Glee club which sang a portion of the Ballet from the Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky at the traditional formal Christmas dinner for the families on Saturday evening. On Sunday Barbara sang in the Candlelight Vesper Service in the school chapel preceded by a tea entertaining Ferry Hall students, faculty and guests. An assembly featured the language classes singing carols in Latin, German, French and Spanish. Barbara sang with the Spanish group. A feature of this assembly was the breaking of a candy filled papier mache piñata following the singing of the Spanish carols. A Christmas party under the big tree in North Lounge followed with carols sung by the seniors, brought to a close the festivities preceding the two week holiday. Barbara is a junior at the college.

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Mrs. Delmer Butler, Muddy.
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Mrs. John Denny Hostess
To Dorcas Sunday School Class
The Dorcas Sunday school class of the McKinley Avenue Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. John Denny, 813 South Ledford, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Ruth Morris, vice president, presided over the meeting which opened with the devotion by Mrs. Lonard Jackson who took her scripture from Luke and John. Prayers were offered by Mrs. Carrie Jackson, Mrs. Della Oshel and Mrs. Edith Gidcumb.

Recreation was under the direction of Mrs. Frank Rodgers. Refreshments of fruits, cookies and candy were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Ruth Shell and Mrs. Nancy Harris, visitors, in the absence of Mrs. Denny who had the misfortune of being in an auto accident at 5 p. m. the same day. She was taken to the hospital and is getting along nicely.

Others present were Miss Elsie Tyndall, Mrs. Allie Pearcey, Mrs. Ethel Stout, Mrs. Lela Raley, Mrs. Florence Raley, Mrs. Grace Warfield, Mrs. Myrtle Wells and Mrs. Ada Rann.

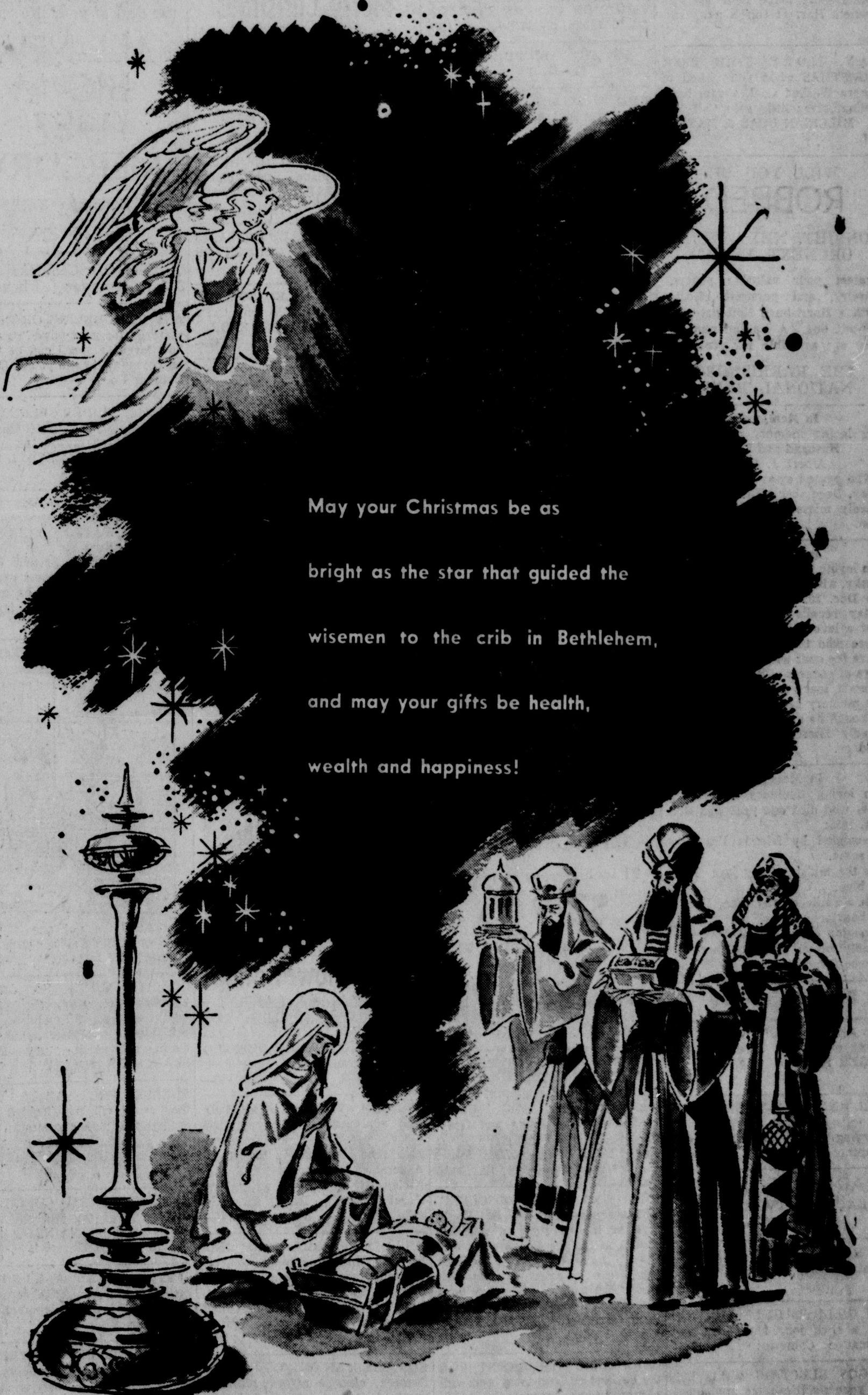
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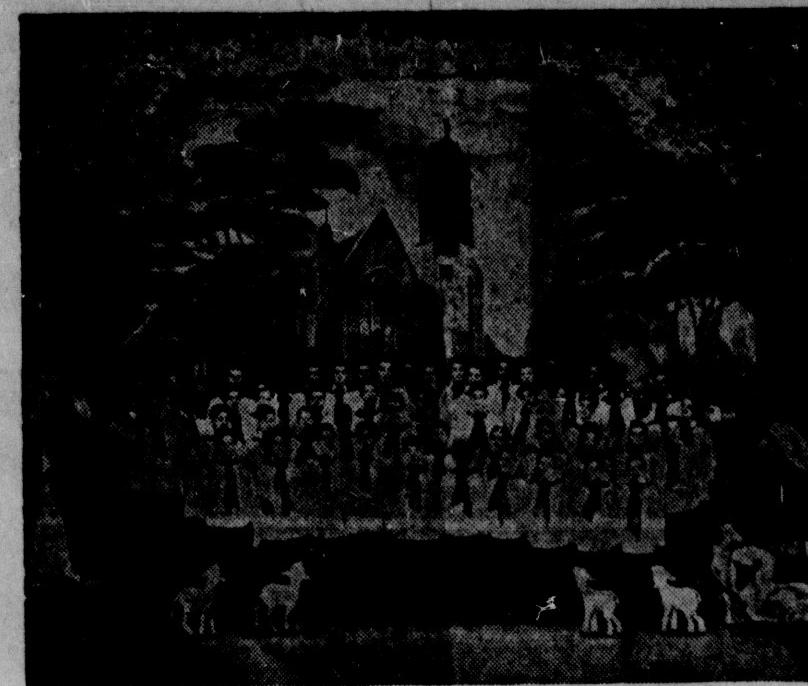


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AT THE WHITE HOUSE: Eisenhower Frowns On Office Parties

By MERRIMAN SMITH

United Press White House Writer
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Backstairs at the White House:

There will be no Christmas office parties around the White House on this Christmas Eve if President Eisenhower or Sherman Adams, the assistant to the President, know anything about it.

The President and Adams feel very strongly against office partying, especially at Christmas time. If a member of the staff wants to hoist a Yuletide cup during business hours today, he will adjourn to one of the neighborhood bars—if he knows what's good for him.

The chief executive is no blue-nose and serves drinks himself in the residential quarters of the White House. But ever since he's been in office he has frowned on so-called office parties, no matter how festive or appropriate the occasion.

Although this might seem restrictive to home, it works out rather well in the long run because it gets most of the staff members home early on Christmas Eve and in good shape, much to the delight of their families.

A Christmas Eve drink was the norm rather than the exception in White House offices during some past administrations, but the high command of the Eisenhower administration let it be known in Christmas, 1953, their first Christmas in office, that they thought the executive offices were not the proper locations for office parties.

Probably on no previous Christmas has the White House been so inundated by gifts for the President and Mrs. Eisenhower. The offices of some members of the President's staff who have charge of incoming gifts look more like gift bazaars than working areas.

Some of the gifts pose genuine problems of storage and disposal. For instance, what does one do with an 800-pound fruit cake. A mammoth cake of this weight arrived Friday from the Niagara Falls, N. Y., Young Men's Republican Clubs.

Obviously too large to go into the White House freezer, this cake, or at least a portion of it, will end up in a nearby hospital or children's institution.

Mrs. Eisenhower has appeared several times this holiday season in a bright and festively red dress seldom seen except during the holidays. It is what she calls her "Christmas dress." Mrs. Eisen-

Seven SIU Music Students to Sing In Recital Jan. 6

CARBONDALE, Ill.—Seven music students at Southern Illinois University will be featured in a voice recital here at 4 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 6, in Shryock Auditorium. It will be the 23rd in a series of concerts sponsored by the SIU music department during the school year.

Soprano June Nightwine, a freshman from Granite City, will begin the program singing "Care Salve" from Handel's "Atalanta." Jo Ann Henson, Carrier Mills junior, will sing a soprano aria from "The Marriage of Figaro," followed by Carol Smith, Murphysboro senior, who will sing Brahms' "Standchen."

Nada Jo Binnion, sophomore mezzo-soprano from Vandalia, will sing "Elegy" by Massenet, and Joseph Thomas Jr., a Carbondale freshman, will sing Tchaikovsky's "None But the Lonely Heart."

Jo Ann McIntire, junior soprano from Anna, will sing Niles' "Go away from my Window," and Geraldine Weber, Union, Mo., junior, will conclude the program with "Time," a suite for voice and piano by Olmstead. The pianist will be Miss Marilyn Pfleiderer, music instructor at SIU.

hower wore the same frock a number of times during the holidays last year.

This year she has a companion dress in green silk decorated with an eye-catching holly pattern.

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Team	Points
1. Kansas (20) (6-0)	265
2. North Carolina (3) (8-0)	267
3. Kentucky (2) (8-2)	246
4. SMU (1) (7-1)	160
5. St. Louis (1) (6-1)	146
6. Illinois (5-1)	145
7. Louisville (5-2)	92
8. West Virginia (6-0)	91
9. Oklahoma A&M (7-1)	89
10. Iowa State (6-0)	89
10. Kansas State (4-2)	41
Second 10 — 12. Duke, 20; 13 (tie). Vanderbilt and UCLA, 27 each; 15. Canisius 20; 16. Utah, 23; 17. San Francisco, 17; 18. Tulane, 16; 19. Ohio State, 14; 20 (tie) California, Iowa, Colorado, 7 each.	

Others—Nebraska, South Carolina, St. John's, N. Y. and Western Kentucky, 6 each; Oklahoma City, Cincinnati, Bradley, Indiana and Minnesota, 5 each; Wake Forest, Tennessee, Seton Hall, 4 each; Washington, Manhattan, Villanova, and Temple, 3 each; Syracuse, 2; Dayton, Brigham Young and Seattle, 1 each.

Received a letter from Dick Lehr, Bridgeport coach, a day or so ago and he enclosed an information sheet on the annual holiday tournament the Bridgeport school sponsors.

There are eight teams in the tournament, which will be played over a three-day period and there are a total of 11 games scheduled for the double elimination meet.

First round pairings: Albion vs. St. Francisville, Mt. Carmel vs. West Richland, Freeburg vs. Norris City, Clay City vs. Bridgeport.

There will be four games, play starting at 4:30 p. m., each of the first two days. Friday, Dec. 28, there will be a three-game session starting at 6 p. m.

Officials are Howard Street, Carrier Mills; J. D. Cole, Norris City; Herman Fischer, Mt. Carmel, and William McGuire, Carmi.

And closer to home is the Carrier Mills blind-draw tournament starting Thursday and concluding Friday. Carrier Mills, Eldorado, Rosiclare and Metropolis are the competing schools.

Received an invitation a day or so ago that I probably will not be able to accept, but sure will be difficult to turn down.

The St. Louis Cardinals have announced their second annual get-together for members of the Press, Radio and TV for Sunday, Jan. 6, 1957.

The invitation is in the shape of a baseball diamond, including the three bases and home plate and also the pitcher's mound.

There will be dinner and opportunity to meet officials and players in the Cardinal organization.

The invitation says in part . . . "You are cordially invited to help throw out the first ball of the season." Only trouble is, will be late before the last out is made and it's a 'fer piece' from St. Louis to Harrisburg when a guy has to work the next day.

But I haven't said no, yet.

Garrison Newsom, Shawneetown high school basketball star of a couple of years ago and now attending SIU, has been hobbled with a bad ankle and hasn't seen action for sometime. However, he is expected to be in shape and ready to go after the holidays.

The Greater Egyptian conference tournament, scheduled for Rosiclare, has been transferred to the bigger Ridgway high school gymnasium, where it was held in 1956.

Conference officials, in meeting last Thursday, voted for the change.

The tournament will be held over a four night period, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 15-18.

I know Coach Bob Dallas and Ridgway cagers and fans will have a happy holiday season. Santa paid them an early call this year and stuffed the big championship trophy of the Equality tournament in their stocking. And the Equality players, fans and Coach Tony Franc were visited too, getting the second place trophy.

And now, to all you coaches, fans players everywhere—

One of the finest basketball attractions in Harrisburg's history is listed for Friday night, Dec. 28, when Southern Illinois University and Miami of Ohio will play at Davenport gymnasium.

This is not an exhibition, but a regularly scheduled college basketball game.

Don't miss it! Not only will you see fine basketball, but will also be helping the Jaycees of Harrisburg, who are sponsoring the game. Their share of the gate will go for civic improvements.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa says...

May you and yours enjoy a Yuletide season filled with cheer and goodness!

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AS OF ORNAMENTS
DATES FROM ROMAN DAYS

It is thought that the use of ornaments as decor on evergreen boughs and garlands, dates back to celebrations in Roman days.

It was not until the sixteenth century, that the use of evergreens for Christmas time decor, was openly sanctioned by the church.

Legend has it that bright colored ornaments, the candles and the lights of the Christmas trees represent the new birth and bloom of growing things. Ancient myths tell the story as of many trees that bloom at Christmas time.

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Many Legends and Tales Spark The Origin of Jolly Old Santa

For over ninety years, we have pictured the traditional Santa Claus as a rotund jolly elf with snowy beard and mustaches, dressed in red and white.

This image of Santa Claus has been dear to the hearts of young

sters since 1863 when it first appeared.

But have you ever wondered where the legend of Santa Claus began?

About 1600 years ago, a young boy named Nicholas lived in what is now part of southwestern Turkey. Even as a boy, he was known for his piety and generosity. Later he became the Bishop of Myra.

There is a famous story of how Nicholas found a poor nobleman who could not afford dowries for his three beautiful daughters.

Secretly on three different nights, Nicholas tossed a bag of gold through the windows of their home. Then the daughters were able to be married.

Down through the centuries the story of St. Nicholas was carried to other countries and when unexpected gifts appeared, they were attributed to him.

"Sint Niklaas" came to America through our early Dutch settlers. Later the name was changed to Santa Claus.

The picture of Santa Claus as we know him, was created by Thomas Nast to illustrate Dr. Clement Moore's famous poem, "The Night Before Christmas".

The drawings which Nast made to illustrate this epic poem show Santa as the now-familiar figure.

Nast drew Santa Claus as a jolly gentleman, dressed in red, wearing cap and boots and carrying a huge pack-full of toys and treasures... and this is the jolly old elf we know and love so well.

Key Club Plans Commencement Student Award

The HTHS Key club plans to present the Sandy Nininger award to some worthy HTHS student at Commencement. Named for the first Key club graduate to be given the Congressional Medal of Honor (posthumously), the award is given to the senior boy or girl who has most nearly lived up to his or her ability.

The winner's success is not to be measured against the success of others, but against his own potentialities. The fact that others may be better students, better athletes, etc., shall be immaterial, the club stated in a bulletin announcing the award.

The one who has made the most of his ability, personality, handicaps, and circumstances during four years of high school should receive the award. The award, a gold medal, is meant to be a compliment and a challenge.

Final selection of the winner will be made by a faculty committee appointed by Eltis Henson, principal, and will be made from a group of students nominated by faculty members.

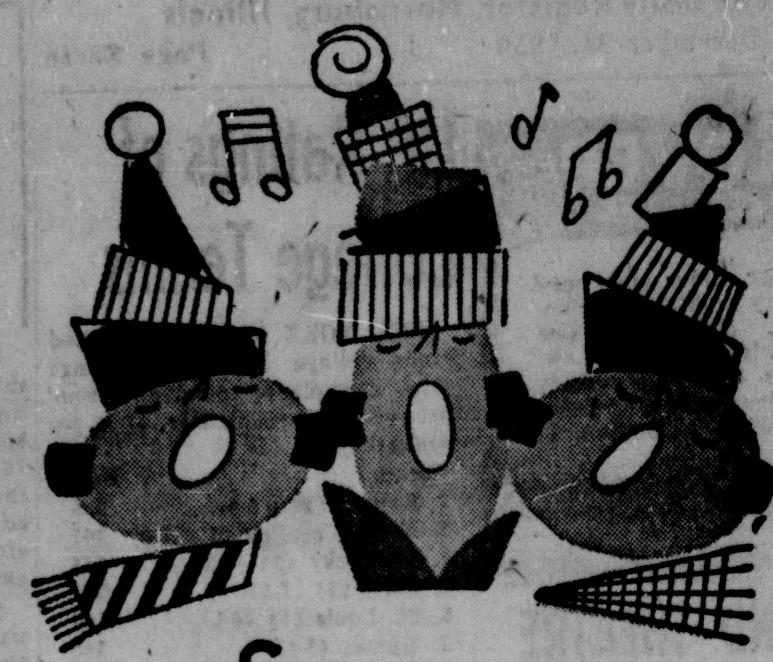
The HTHS Key club is a member of the International Key Club organization. The Kiwanis club is the parents organization. The officers are Bill Bottomley, president; Bryan Jones, vice-president; Eddie Quade, secretary; and Charles Cummins, treasurer. John Schork, English and voice teacher at HTHS, is the faculty sponsor of the Key club.



Joy to the World.



FAMOUS ARRANGEMENT . . . Since St. Francis of Assisi created the first manger scene thousands of years ago, arrangements showing the Holy Family, the visiting Magi and shepherds have become an almost essential part of Christmas observances everywhere. The famous scene above is at Rome, Italy.



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Of all the world's holidays, Christmas is the holiday that belongs to one and all. Christmas is for everyone, the sad and the weary, the sick and the infirmed, the happy children and their more serious elders.

Yes, Christmas belongs to no one alone. Men of different nations and diversified beliefs always share a certain unity in the observance of this greatest of all holidays. Christmas, and the spirit that goes with it, belongs to us all.

Christmas is a time of excitement for the very young. It means good food, bright lights, an inviting pyramid of presents beneath a glittering tree.

Christmas is likewise a time of joy for those who are growing up. And for these Christmas begins to take on a deeper and more significant meaning with each holiday. Behind the laughter and festivities, the caroling and presents, there is born the realization that there is yet greater joy in the holiday, though the glitter of Santa Claus becomes dimmer year by year.

For others, Christmas is a magic mirror of memories, a mirror that dissolves all the prejudice, hate and sorrow to which mankind is afflicted; a mirror that reflects only the kindness and goodness God wished for the world He created.

Christmas is all these things, and more. It is the shadow of a church steeple in the winter's snow; a pointed ray of light shining through a stained glass window; the crunch, crunch of heavy footsteps on crusted snow; and voices singing in the night.

Christmas is all things to all men; and to all men it is the shining symbol of man's continual hope for eternal salvation.



AROUND SPRINGFIELD

By DON E. CHAMBERLAIN

Christmas Cards; Stratton 12,000
Carpentier Mails Out 17,000

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — (Special) — Biggest state house Christmas card mailing this year was by Secretary of State Charles F. Carpenter, East Moline, exceeding that of Gov. William G. Stratton. The figures are small as compared with mailings of state officers in previous years.

Usually the number of Christmas cards sent out by a Governor exceeds those mailed by other state officials but as one will point out, Carpenter had a big election reason for his larger batch of greetings this year—"he had a 600,277 plurality to lead the ticket" whereas Stratton had a margin of only 38,877. Others had substantial leads but were far behind Carpenter.

The arduous task of addressing, stamping and stuffing the envelopes containing the cards was finished last week. Costs of stamps, printing and stationery ran into some thousands of dollars. Estimates are that Carpenter and Stratton each spent more than \$3,000. Lt. Gov. John W. Chapman, Springfield, mailed a modest 600.

Stratton's cards were of an oblong french-fold type with gold and blue reverse panels and a gray reproduction of the governor's seal in raised print. Carpenter's was a flat card with the state seal in gold. Most cards were sent to 10,000 precinct committee men and captains. When Dwight Green was governor he personally hand-signed his personal cards.

The heavy state house holiday mail was in contrast to that of last year's by former State Auditor Orville E. Hodge, Granite City, when he held the office. He omitted sending out the stock greetings, sent only a limited few to relatives and close friends. At Menard State Prison where he is serving a 12-15 year sentence for stealing state funds, he is limited to mailing 15 Christmas cards purchased at the prison commissary.

A fixed personal tax based on income is proposed as a substitute for the personal property tax by St. Clair County State's Attorney John J. Hoban, Belleville. Hoban said he plans to confer with the county's representatives in the state General Assembly on his proposal. He said it would not be an income tax but would be based on what a person earns.



Births

To A/c and Mrs. Richard M. Webb, Lincoln, England, a girl named Terri Leigh, born Dec. 20, at Sturgate Air Force Base. The mother is the former Jimella Vaughn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Vaughn, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Webb.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell Jr., Star Route, Herod, a boy named John Philip, weighing 10 pounds, 2 ounces, born Dec. 22 at the Harrisburg hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray O'Brien, New Burnside, a boy named Michael Dale, weighing eight pounds, three ounces, born Dec. 23 at the Harrisburg hospital.

Puget Sound is 80 miles long and eight miles wide.

Exams for Career Substitute Postal Transport Clerks

West Frankfort Woman, Blind 20 Years, Receives Gift of Typewriter

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill. — Christmas has come early for Mrs. Walter Edwards, who has been blind for 20 years.

Her gift is a typewriter she has named "Love." It's something she wanted since she took a typing course for the blind in 1942. Mrs. Ruth Erthal, who operates a beauty shop where Mrs. Edwards is a customer, started a fund drive Oct. 1, hoping to present the typewriter at Christmas.

The fund grew so rapidly that the Christmas present was delivered early.

"I named it 'Love' because there's love behind it, or I never would have had one," Mrs. Edwards said.

She is using the gift to write friends and relatives, and for notes she sends along with some of her Christmas presents.

"I get a blessing everytime I use it, and I hope the ones who

receive the notes get one, too," Mrs. Edwards said.

Donations to the fund came from many people.

There was the bedfast cripple who sent a check and a note that said: "I think it's a kind and worthy project. She has shown what we can do in spite of handicaps."

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Another West Frankfort former resident who is a patient in a nursing home contributed her bit to the fund.

Then there were the two little boys who were "trick or treating" on Halloween night. They saw the "Louise Edwards Fund" sign and became curious. Mrs. Erthal explained. They dug down in their sacks and produced two nickels.

The merchant who sold the typewriter allowed a liberal discount.

Mrs. Edwards, a native of Colfax, Iowa, is proud of the Braille wristwatch her husband, a retired coal miner, gave her two Christmases ago.

"That's why I don't complain about being blind—everyone is so good to me," the cheerful Mrs. Edwards says.

An ol' wish that's always new . . .

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a Happy New Year
too . . .

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Be Happy
And The New Year
Prosperous



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Day of the Outlaw

By Lee Wells

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He lifted Pace, whose head lolled, and carried him across the room, dumped him on the sofa. Dan lifted the pistol, ejected the empty cases and replaced them with bullets from the belt.

He picked his hat up from the floor and jammed it on his head. He crossed to the door and was about to open it when Paula spoke again.

"Dan." He turned. Her eyes searched his face as though trying to impress it deeply in her memory. Her voice dropped to a whisper. "Be careful, Dan. Oh, please be careful! I suppose I've been uncertain and maybe a little weak, but now I know I love you. I want you back... safe."

His hand dropped from the knob and he took a step toward her. The sound of a muffled shot checked him and he stiffened, his jaw going hard and his eyes bleak.

"They've got Hal Crane." He added grimly. "I'll be back."

Dan stopped at Doc Langer's house.

"What is it, Dan?" The voice dripped acid. "Another killing? Not one of them, I hope."

"Afraid not, Doc. I think it's Hal Crane. He was holed up at George's."

"I'll get my bag."

Dan walked to the Gorton shack, saw the door stood half ajar.

In two strides he was beside Hal and gently turned him over. His eyes were closed and the front of his shirt was stained with blood. He breathed shallowly and Dan did not like the pallor of the skin and the dull sheen of the eyes beneath the half-closed lids. He twisted around when he heard hasty steps across the other room.

Doc Langer stood in the doorway, trying to adjust to the shadows. In another moment he knelt beside Dan, practiced hands cutting the shirt to expose the wound. Dan heard a stir behind him and again turned to see Ava Rikes standing in the doorway. He hastily walked to her, shielding the body.

"What's wrong?" she asked. "Is it George?"

She was not drunk. Her face showed the marks of her fight with the bottle and her eyes were puffy and red. But from somewhere deep within she had gathered a new strength. Dan shook his head. "It's Hal Crane. He's been shot."

"Them?"

Dan understood who she meant and he nodded. Behind him Doc Langer spoke in a soft fury.

"They nearly notched their guns again, and they still might count coup if Hal's luck gives out. He's got a bare chance of pulling through."

Dan said heavily. "They killed George Gorton. Then they quarreled among themselves and Jack Bruhn is dead."

Dan turned to look into her questioning eyes.

"How about Tex, Ava?" he asked gently. "Did he mean anything to you?"

"He's part of the nightmare, Dan. He promised to take me away from all this. I was dazed, hurt, all mixed up." She slowly shook her head. "No, him and his whisky just eased the pain. I came out

of it last night. I'll leave Bitter—but not with Tex or anyone like him."

Dan squeezed her arm. "Good. Pace Odium killed Tex just after Tex shot Jack Bruhn."

She slowly closed her eyes, opened them again. She looked at Dan for a long time and sighed. "I... I'm going home."

When the door closed behind her, Dan turned to Doc Langer. "So we've got a gun. But there's Vause, Juarez, Egan and Denver. I think Hiatt will throw in with us, now."

Doc spoke without looking up. "Get along, Dan, and do what you can. I'll take care of Crane."

As Dan arose, Doc looked up and the asperity left his voice. "And, Dan, watch yourself. It'd be a shame if Larry had to fit you for one of his boxes or I had to pull lead out of your carcass."

Before he left the shack, Dan buttoned his coat over the holster and belt, concealing the gun. He walked to the store and entered.

He first saw Phil Preston and Bob Frazin standing by the desk,

watching Gene Hiatt and Ermine, who talked intently up by the window.

Hiatt said another word to Ermine and came striding down the aisle to stop before Dan.

"Murdock, does your offer still stand?"

"Still stands," Dan answered.

"All right. I'm on your side. I'm tired of all this killing and robbing. I wasn't meant for it. If you'll help me make things square afterward, I'll do everything I can for you right now."

Dan extended his hand and Hiatt took it. Phil and Bob looked on in gaping surprise and Dan swiftly told them of the deal he had made with Hiatt. Ermine came up, her eyes alight. Hiatt spoke sharply.

"Juarez and Egan just went into the Wyoming, and I know Vause is there. Denver's at the stable.

But Pace is the first gent we'll have to get—"

"Pace is tied up," Dan said and the others gasped. He told what had happened and Phil's face turned purple-red with anger. He glared at Dan.

"You left Paula with that sidewinder! Are you crazy!"

"Wait, Phil," Dan checked the older man as he started toward the door. "Pace is hogtied. I've got his gun. There's no danger for Paula if we move fast."

He looked at Gene. "Hiatt, you make a second gun. If we could get one more for Phil we'd even the odds."

Hiatt nodded. "Denver's alone in the stable. I'll be right back—with one."

(To Be Continued)

LITTLE LIZ



Sometimes the girl who was quite a dish turns out to be a regular gravy boat a few years later.

Carrier Mills Register

Kenneth Hart, Correspondent

Jo Gilchrist Hostess

To Sorority Club

Christmas Party

The Sorority Chi-Chis met at the beautifully decorated home of Jo Gilchrist for their annual Christmas party.

Dues were collected and a Christmas party was planned for the husbands held at the Masonic hall Wednesday night, Dec. 19. Mystery pals were revealed and names drawn for new mystery pals. Each member received a lovely gift from their pal.

The hostess served delicious and colorful refreshments of red and green jello topped with whipped cream, homemade cookies and cakes to Judy Smith, Bonnie Bolin, Nina Patten, Pat Durfee, Winnie Craig, Nellie Youcm, Marjory Whiting, Rosemary Nicholson, Gwen Wilson.

Unique handmade favors were given to the members by Mrs. Gilchrist.

Prizes were won by all the girls present.

Club will be Jan. 4 at the home of Rosemary Nicholson.

Past Matrons Hold

Christmas Party

The Carrier Mills Past Matrons club met at the Masonic temple Thursday, Dec. 13, for its annual Christmas party.

Before the bountiful potluck

Blossom Stallions offered prayer

and later, during the social hour,

games were played and the exchange of gifts was enjoyed.

The January meeting will be a potluck dinner at the temple with Ethel Rann and Marie Spears as hostesses.

Those present were Oma Baker,

Carrie Wasson, Zelpha Blackman,

Madge Blackman, Helen O'Keefe,

Stella Vance, Jane Puckett, Marie Spears, Zada Holmes, Gazelle Hen-

son, Grace Henson, Velma Dallas, and Blossom Stallions. Guests were Ade Hollaway, Beulah Beggs and Nell Chamness, Harrisburg. Hostesses were Helen Capel, Mabel Chamness and Alene Sullins.

Busy Fingers Unit Meets

With Marvella Sutton

For Christmas Party

The Busy Fingers Home Bureau unit met for its Christmas party at the home of Marvella Sutton with nine members answering roll call.

During the business meeting Katherine Wason was appointed program chairman for the year.

The Handicraft meeting will be Jan. 12 at the home of Marge Davis.

Secret pals were revealed and new ones were drawn for the coming year.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and games were played with prizes going to Colleen Edmondson and Bonnell Hafford. Marge Davis won the door prize.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to Katherine Wason, Mary Lou Shelton, Oogene Devel, Rita Love, Colleen Edmondson, Bonnell Hafford, Pat Raeburn and Marge Davis.

Christmas Party of

Methodist First Graders

The first grade of the Methodist Sunday school, taught by Mrs. Mary Barger, had a Christmas party at the home of the teacher Monday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m. Gifts were ex-

Games were played and Becky

Gaines won a prize for answering

the most questions about the Christmas story after it was read to them from the second chapter of Luke. The group also sang

Christmas carols and had their picture taken.

Refreshments of ice cream, candy, Santa Clauses, were served after a prayer by Amy Basher to the following: Dickie Field, Richard Bryant, Becky Meler, Rita Ryan, Amy Basher, Freddie Bailey, Georgia Hanold, Harry Henshaw, Jimmy and Johnny Barger, by the teacher, Mrs. Barger.

Our friends wish you a joyous Christmas Season!

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Local Union 896

Greetings

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package of good wishes for
your joyous Holiday Season!

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Peace On Earth... Good Will Toward Men!

Once again it is time to reread the ever-beautiful Christmas story. May the wonder of its meaning be renewed in our minds and hearts during this blessed season and may Peace and Good Will reign at Christmastime.

"..... For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

Romans Named

Romans Named Month of
January for Two-Faced Janus

The early Romans named their new year in honor of Janus, a two-faced god who was believed to have the power to look back over the past and, in a prophetic way, into the future.

He was represented with a key in his hand, symbolizing his power to open doors and gateways, and this holiday was one of great gayety.

The festival was not observed in midwinter, but in the spring, when the Roman year began. At first, the Roman calendar had only ten months, but later January and February were placed at the beginning of the year and the New Year was celebrated on the first of January.

As early as 747 B.C., the Romans gathered gifts of bay and palm for New Year's presents. As the years passed and Rome prospered, the gifts became more elaborate and in time it became the custom to bestow them upon the emperor, a habit that contributed greatly to the wealth of the Caesars. Claudius, recognizing the fact that the giving had graduated through the years from voluntary tribute to a regarded duty, issued a decree limiting the amount which might be given.

Rome continued to celebrate the New Year until the Christian emperors. The idolatrous rites of the people, however, caused the church to ban Christians from participating in the celebrations, and it was not until December 25 was legally fixed as the date of the Nativity that the church made January 1 a religious festival, in commemoration of the circumcision of Jesus.

Devout or Gay Yuletide Customs
Emanate from Other Lands to Glorify
World-Wide Christmas Celebration

Every Christmas children, and grown-ups alike, look forward to giving and receiving gifts . . . for gift giving has been an important part of the holiday season ever since the Wise Men and shepherds brought gifts to the Christ Child in Bethlehem.

The thought is the same today

. . . to express love and good-will . . . but the bearer of these gifts differs from country to country. American children look forward to Santa Claus, plump and jolly, dressed in traditional red and white, with a snowy white beard. He carries his gifts in a pack on his back and is drawn in a sleigh by eight reindeer.

Santa Claus is supposed to come down the chimney and fill the stockings, hung by the fireplace, with little gifts and heap presents under the Christmas tree.

Children in many Latin American countries are in for a double treat. There are two dates for giving gifts to children. January 6 is called Kings' Day. Children leave their shoes outside and the Three Wise Men fill them with presents. The other gift-giving date is Christmas Eve or morn.

United States customs have been creeping into the Latin American's holiday season, particularly in countries close to the states.

Costa Ricans, Cubans and Guatamalans are among those who now have Christmas trees.

In Norway, the birds are remembered with gifts of suet and choice sheaves of grain tied to trees; extra fodder is provided for the cattle.

Father Star listens to the children's prayers and catechism in Poland. If they have been good, Mother Star who is dressed like an angel in a white robe and veil distributes the gifts.

Swiss children also await a radiant angel who rides in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer.

English children also wait for Santa Claus, who looks very much like our American Santa Claus. They find their gifts tied to, and under a Christmas tree.

Dutch children wait for St. Nicholas who is dressed in traditional bishop's robes of black and carries a crozier and wears a mitre. He brings gifts for the children and places them in their wooden shoes.

When the Dutch settled in the American colonies, they brought with them to the tradition of St. Nicholas or "santeklaas" as he was called. From the lean, rather stern St. Nicholas came our jolly Santa Claus.

Italian children receive their gifts from "La Befana", a good fairy, who carries a broom.

"Baboushka" goes from house to house in search of the Christ Child in old Russia.

In Scandinavian countries, gifts are given to the children by a Santa who rides on a goat instead of a reindeer. He is accompanied by elves who distribute the gifts. Bowls of porridge are left on the door-way for the elves.

The Christmas tree has its origin in the 8th century when St. Boniface, English missionary to Germany, replaced the sacrifices to Odin's sacred oak by a fir tree decorated in tribute to the Christ Child.

Long May It Wave!
By special act of Congress, the Stars and Stripes fly day and night from a flagpole atop a hill overlooking Deadwood, South Dakota.

Christmas Harvest
Of Trees Serves
Practical Purpose

The practice of cutting young evergreens to use as Christmas trees is not harmful to the forests, but extremely helpful.

Nearly half of the 21 million evergreens that make up America's Christmas tree harvest are farm-produced. Nearly nine-tenths of the entire crop is cut on privately-owned timberland. Also, about five million trees are imported yearly, most of them from Canada.

There are definite favorites when it comes to selecting a Christmas tree. The best seller is the balsam fir, a product of New England and northeastern United States. The second most popular is the Douglas fir of the Pacific coast. Black spruce, red cedar and white spruce follow as America's favorites.

These five varieties account for 83 per cent of all the Christmas trees used.



Yep, they really do it! We mean getting out on a limb and then sawing off the wrong end. This corny accident happened to Benjamin Morris of Kansas City, Mo. A tree limb blowing against his window so annoyed him that he got out of bed in the middle of the night to cut it off. Soon he was back in bed — a hospital bed, that is.

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SINCERE HOLIDAY

Greetings

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wishing you the best always!

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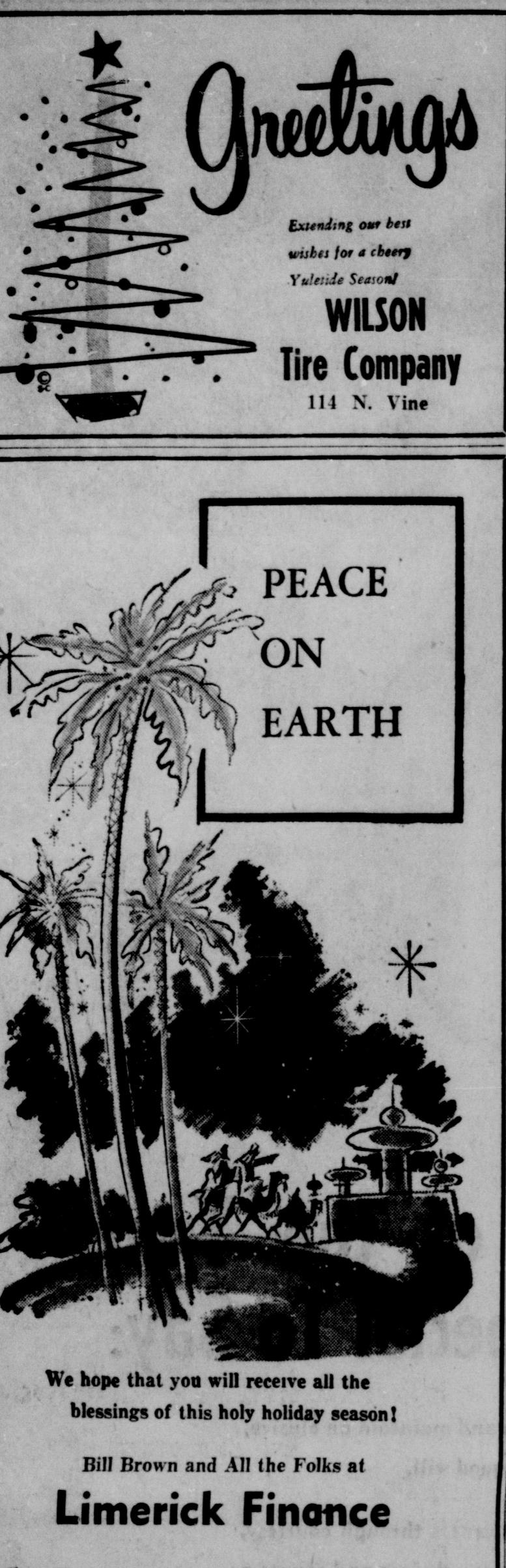
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We hope that your Christmas
will be a merry one, bringing you
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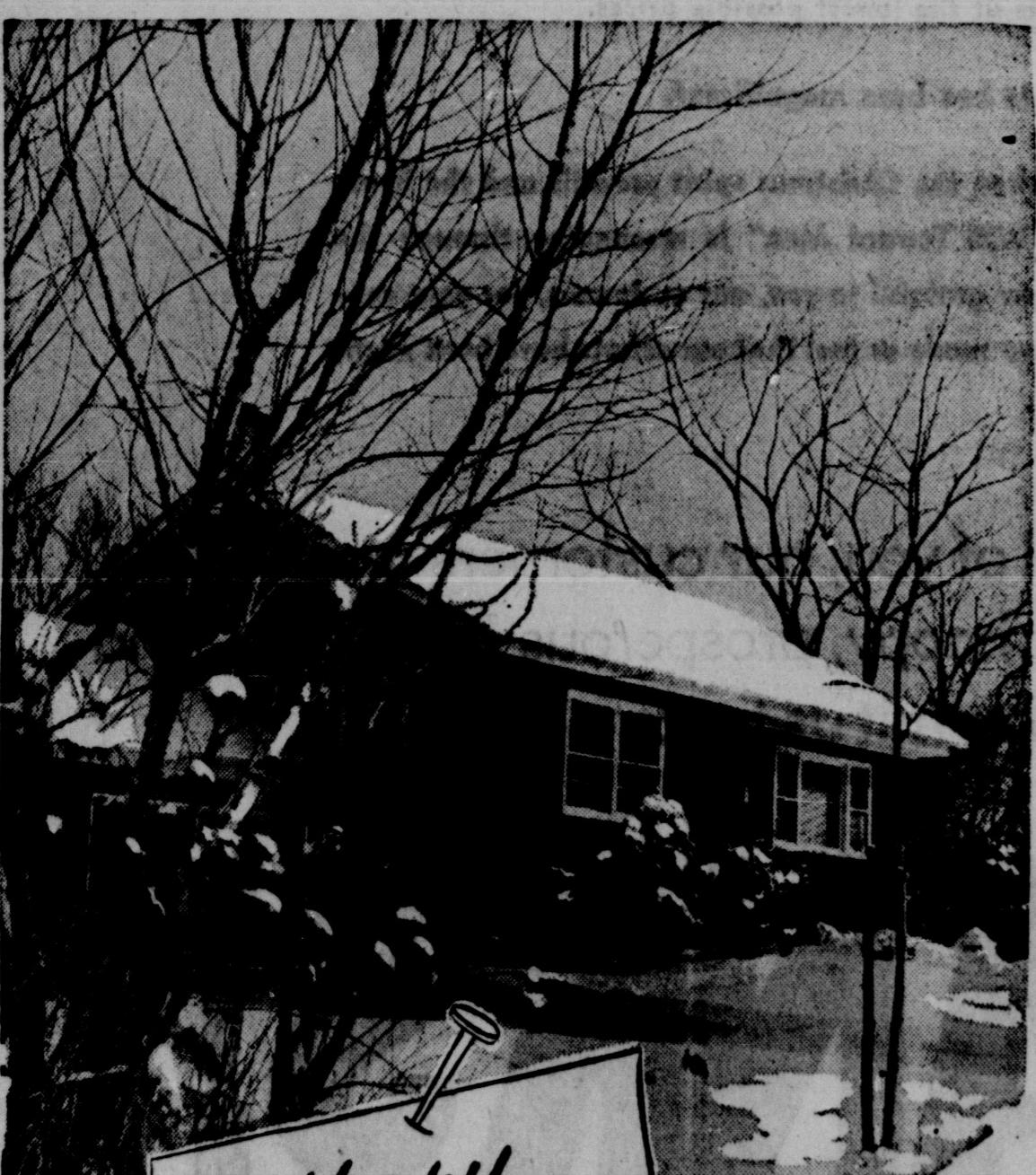
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We hope that you will receive all the
blessings of this holy holiday season!

Bill Brown and All the Folks at

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Season's Greetings



Kenneth Gray
Your Representative in Congress

St. Francis Gave Much to Christmas

Some 400 years before Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, performed the many acts of generosity and kindness which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we know today, another Saint—St. Francis of Assisi made other contributions to our celebration of the Christ Child.

St. Francis lived in the small Italian village of Garcia. In the year 1200 A.D., St. Francis arranged the first manger scene in a cave near the monastery where he lived. The scene was typical of that at Bethlehem. There was a manger filled with hay, an ox and an ass. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

Himself a lover of music, St. Francis believed that the early chants (written in Latin) were too theological to be popular. He felt that Christmas music should be religious, yet should be more in keeping with the festivity spirit. He is generally credited with being the influence behind the more modern Christmas carols, which spread from Italy to France, from there to Germany; then to England and elsewhere.

Christmas Caroling Is Custom Which Began Centuries Ago

Christmas caroling, so much a part of our present-day observance of Christmas, is said to have begun about the 16th century.

The first real Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, who made a model of the Bethlehem manger to help him tell his people the Christmas story.

Christmas carols were then supposedly taken from Italy to England by the traveling clergy. The idea of caroling fitted into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration and a day of good will, so it flourished in that country.

Little bands and groups of singers which sprang up in the towns and villages were called "Waits." A natural explanation of the name seems to be that it refers to watching and waiting, for Christmas Eve is called the Vigil of Christmas.

As early as December 21, which is the day dedicated to St. Thomas, mummers and carolers would begin going from door to door, announcing the great feast at hand. It was natural for householders to offer hospitality to these troubadours, and gradually in many places the custom of giving and receiving presents of various kinds was established.

AMERICAN CAROLS

Three of our loveliest Christmas carols were written by Americans. In 1849, Edmund H. Sears composed "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and in 1859 Dr. John Henry Hopkins Jr., composed "We Three Kings of Orient Are." "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks.



TEST PILOT . . . This seven-year-old is wide-eyed with delight as he operates a remote control plane, pylon and airport shown at New York's Ninth Annual preview of toys. Helicopter is actually airborne by the propeller and responds only to the junior "test pilot" at the control panel.

May the spirit of
Christmas bless you
and yours and bring
you much happiness!

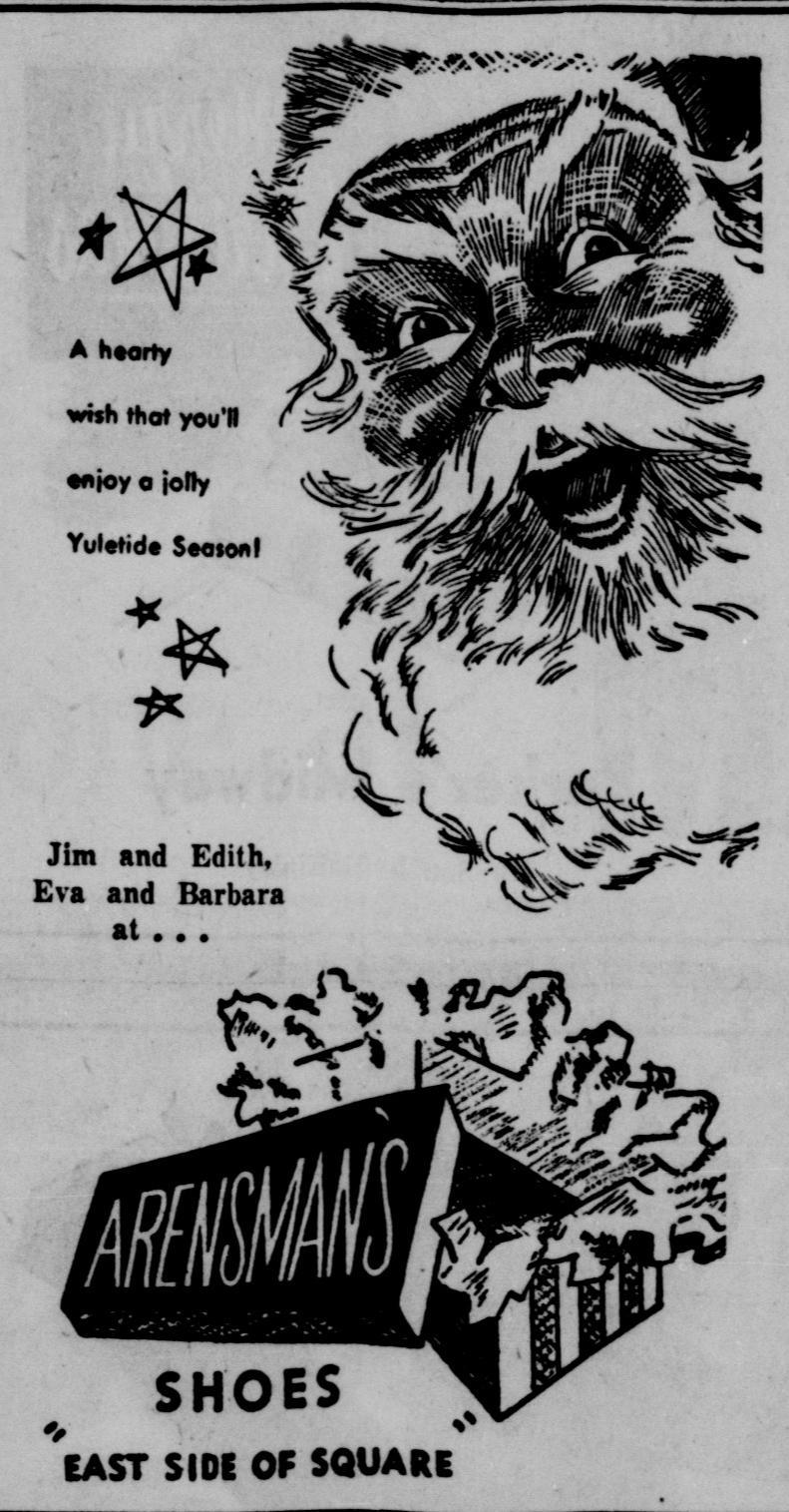
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Jess Golden Dave Williams Paul Becker
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Jim and Edith,
Eva and Barbara
at . . .



Merry Christmas to all our
friends! May it be a truly
festive and joyous one!

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ON THE TOWN

BY SHIRLEY SARGENT

ANNA LEE OSENBERG faced three facts as she studied her reflection with critical blue eyes. She was 26, unmarried and it would presently be New Year's Eve. If only Ralph were here. The mirror in her rented room supplied further vital statistics—blond hair worn long, a firm, curving mouth and good bones. "And what," she questioned aloud, "do good bones have to do with fun and games on New Year's Eve?"

The half telephone shrilled and Anna Lee ran to answer. "Hello? Oh, yes, Joyce."

"Look, Lee, I'm awfully sorry but I can't go to the show with you tonight." Joyce sounded uncomfortable. "I . . . uh . . . something else came up. I'm sorry."

"Don't be," Anna Lee said. "My plans have changed too, so have fun and I'll see you at work."

She hung up quickly not wanting her voice to give her away. It didn't take much imagination to figure what had come up for Joyce. A date and that was fine, only she wished that she had one too. She went back to her room and sank down on the bed. She knew she was pretty; knew too, now, that



Joyce sounded uncomfortable. "I . . . uh . . . something else came up. I'm sorry."

she had been choosey about her dates. Through her early twenties, there had been plenty of men and the phone at home had rung constantly.

She remembered how telephone calls had dwindled as the bachelors thinned out. Maybe she'd been too particular, but she wanted certain qualities in her man: thought maybe she'd found them in Ralph Cooke. But Ralph was a salesman—farm implements—and was gone for two weeks.

The telephone rang again. Could she baby sit? "I'm terribly sorry," Anna Lee didn't hesitate, "but it's New Year's Eve and you know what that means."

What did it mean? she wondered again in her room. Well, it certainly didn't mean she had to stay here. She dressed in an attractive jumper outfit and her good, long red coat. She would find a way to celebrate. And she stilled the voice that questioned what she was celebrating.

Happy People

After dinner in a small Italian place, she decided to take a walk down the main streets. At first she was glad, as the sidewalks seemed thronged with happy people.

Then a little girl, looking at the same window display that Anna Lee was, asked. "Where's your daddy?"

A well-dressed, middle-aged couple were admiring some jewelry. "We must go, Frank," the woman said. "If we're to be at home by midnight."

"Excuse me," the man brushed Anna Lee's arm. "Wait, haven't we met before?"

Anna Lee felt herself growing tight. Really, in front of his wife! "Of course," the woman beamed suddenly, "we know you from your picture."

"My picture?"

"Our son, Ralph, has your photograph and we've been wanting to meet you. How nice you are in person."

"Do come home with us. We're just ready to see the New Year in—or are you waiting for someone?" the man said.

"No, I'm alone, but I wouldn't want to intrude."

Pleasant Feeling

They fairly swept her off with them. It was their pleasure. They were Cookes. Come in Anna Lee liked it and them and their home. They talked of Ralph, but not entirely.

Then it was twelve and a new day, a new year, a new chance. Mr. Cooke insisted on driving her home and invited her to Sunday dinner. Anna Lee went upstairs. She had set out because she couldn't bear a quiet evening and that was what she had found, but with good company. She sighed, then yawned hugely. What would Ralph think of this chance encounter? She found herself really caring what Ralph thought.

She was 26, unmarried and it was a brand new year. What would she be by next New Year's Eve? Anna Lee went to bed thoughtfully.

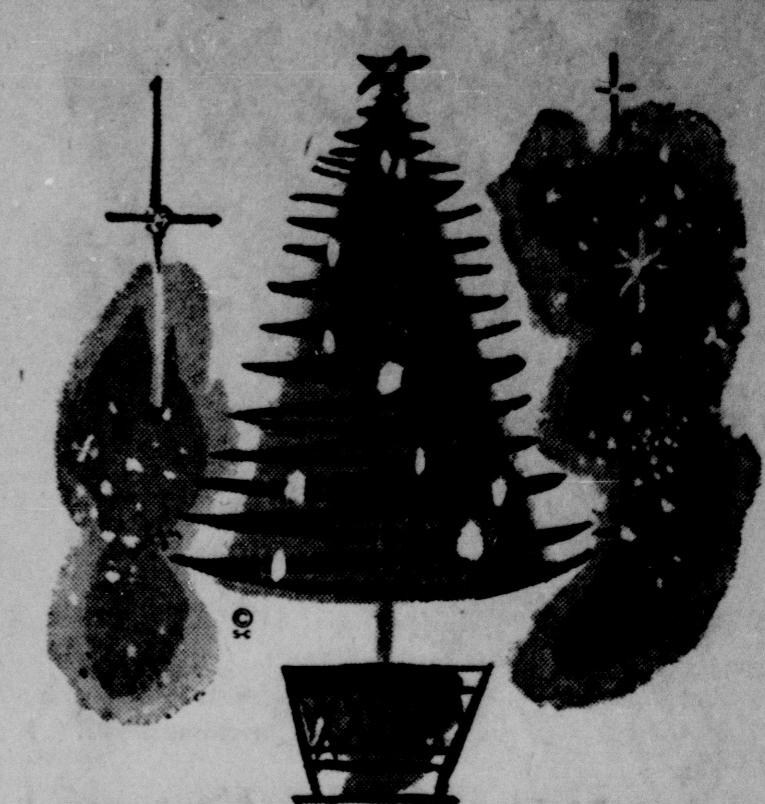
In England the first weekday following Christmas is Boxing Day—a legal holiday on which gifts are presented to the postman and tradesmen who have been of service to a family during the year.

The word "wassail" is derived from the Old English "wae hale" a toast meaning "be whole" or "be thou well".

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Wishing you all the joys of the Season —
Good health, good friends, good cheer!

Bill's Cleaners

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Harrisburg Ice Company

AND EMPLOYEES



To our many friends --
our deep felt appreciation
for your loyalty and friendship
during the past year . . .

we wish you a Very Happy Holiday!

J. R. Metcalf

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Ebb's Shoe Shop

South Vine

Harrisburg



Ring out, gay
bells, our wish for
a Merry Christmas to all!!

Leo Richmond Super Service

Corner Granger and Sloan



Golden Gibson, of Knoxville, Tenn., is now a hearty supporter of those states that prohibit the indiscriminate sale of firecrackers. One day he reached absentmindedly for a cigarette and stuck a two-inch firecracker in his mouth and lit it. From his hospital bed, Gibson mumbled through his bandages: "I swear off smoking!"

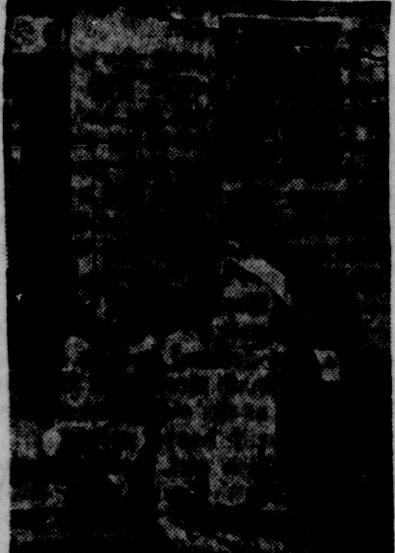


Charles Dickens' famous Christmas Carol was not the most popular of his Christmas stories during his lifetime, nor was it the one he hoped to be remembered by.

Dr. Ada Nisbet, who did extensive research for a book on the famous English author, states that the most popular of Dickens' Christmas stories in his day was "The Cricket on the Hearth," a poignant story of a father who tries to shield his blind daughter from the realities of life.

"It outdid Dickens' familiar tale of Scrooge and Tiny Tim by two to one," says Dr. Nisbet, an associate professor of English on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California. "Two weeks after its appearance in 1845 dramatic versions of 'The Cricket' were playing at 12 different theaters in London alone."

Dickens' own favorite of his many Christmas stories, and the one he hoped would give him lasting fame, was "The Chimes." As he was writing it, he enthusiastically wrote a friend that it "would knock 'The Carol' out of the field." But the public did not take to "The Chimes," probably because it was filled with uncomfortable topical satire. "The Christmas Carol" survived and became increasingly popular, Dr. Nisbet believes, because it is cheerful and "Christmasy," with a social doctrine shapeless enough to be acceptable to all.



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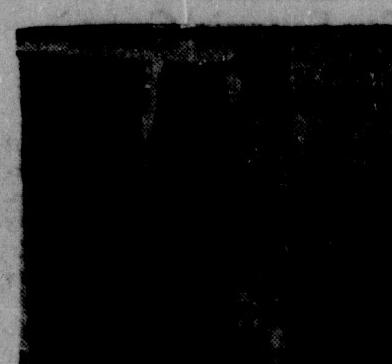


Best wishes for
a very Merry
Christmas to all!

Harrisburg
Motor Hotel
Route 45

Western Auto
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SAY, NOW . . . From the looks of things, it appears this young gentleman has some serious doubts about the merits of the stocking hanging over his fireplace. Maybe he thinks it is much too small to hold all the things Santa will bring or perhaps he thinks Christmas has already arrived and the stocking appears much too empty.

*Christmas Tree,
Though Beautiful,
Potential Killer*

Your Christmas tree is a beautiful and necessary Christmas decoration. It's also a potential killer. Decorative as it may be, your holiday tree is filled with pitch and resin—among the most combustible substances known.

Here are some suggestions that will eliminate the dangers of a tree fire in your home this holiday season:

Choose a small tree. It's less dangerous than a big one. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Until then, keep it outdoors. Place it in the coolest part of the house, well away from fireplaces and radiators. And don't let it block an exit.

Stand it in water, or use a live tree planted in a tub. Never use cotton or paper for the decorations on or around the tree. Do not put electric trains under the tree. Use only electric lights, never candles, and see that wires are not frayed. Be sure that wiring sets for lights show they have been tested for safety. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off. Don't plug or unplug them beneath the tree. Throw away all gift wrappings as soon as the presents have been opened. Don't let them pile up near the tree.

Don't leave the lights burning when no one is home. If needles near the lights turn brown, move the lights. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it.

For happy holidays, see that children get at least their usual amount of sleep.



We wish you every joy
and blessing of this happy
Christmas Season!

And may health and happiness be
yours throughout the new year!

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REXALL DRUG STORE

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Harlen Kerley and Family
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Wish everyone a Merry Christmas
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our good wishes for a
very merry Christmas
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BOY, OH, BOY . . . If this
isn't the biggest and brightest
candle this youngster ever did
cover, it will do until some
future year when maturity will
bring the deeper significance of
this great holiday.

**Bethlehem Basilica
Among Oldest Churches**

The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem, constructed more than 1,600 years ago, is one of the oldest churches in Christendom.

As it stands today it represents the original building as erected by Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian.

It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths, Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshipping in the Grotto of the Nativity.

In the Spirit of the

Holiday Seasons

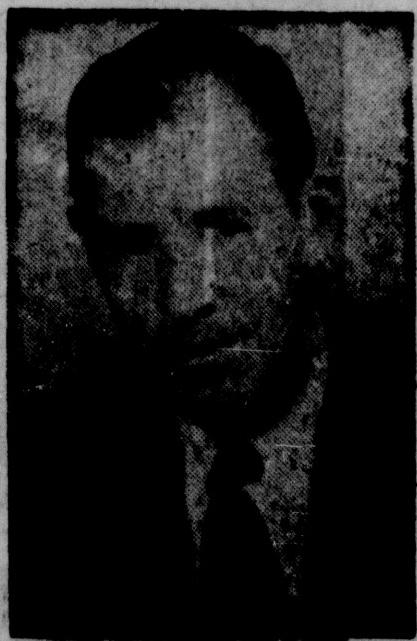
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Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

To You All



GORDON E. KERR
State Representative



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Got a Famous Name

A familiar looking old gentleman
with a red suit and a white beard
was partially responsible for naming
the town of Santa Claus, Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the
town might have had another
name and thus would not have
enjoyed the annual fame that it
enjoys with each Yuletide season.

Originally, the name Santa Fe
was chosen, but officials in Washington
suggested another name be
chosen, since there already was a
Santa Fe in New Mexico.

So it was that on Christmas Eve
in 1852, citizens of the nameless
town gathered to select another
name. Suggestions were tossed
about for some time, until Santa
Claus, making his yearly visits
in the neighborhood strode in to
get warm. He was dressed in
an improper costume and his attire
seemed to put one name in every
mind.

And so the town was named
Santa Claus.

SILENT NIGHT...

...may it bring

wondrous joy to your

blessed Christmas

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Harrisburg



By Al Capp

The Daily Register, Harrisburg, Illinois
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Are Universal

be pleased to hear "Feliz Navidad" and Portuguese, "Boas Festas."

Italians say "Buone Feste Natalizie," French, "Joyeux Noel" and the Irish "Nollaig Mhaith Chugnat."

To a Welshman, say "Nadolig Llawen"; to a Ukrainian say, "Srozhdestvom Krisovym."

Polish people will happily respond to your "Weselych Swiat!" and Germans to "Froeliche Wi-enachten."

Your accent may not be perfect, but they'll know from your cheerful voice and friendly smile that you mean "Merry Christmas, everybody!"



ALLEY OOP

Whozit?

BY V. T. HAMLIN



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Nazareth:
After Centuries,
The Chosen City
Is Growing Modern

The advent of modern conveniences is gradually making a vast change in the homeplace of Jesus. Nazareth, scene of many miracles, has witnessed a new one—water, in plentiful supply.

Since long before the time of Christ, Nazarene women had to carry water in earthen jugs. Now, such sources as the famed "Fountain of Our Lady Mary" will be needed only at shrines recalling the city's historic past.

The water for the most predominantly Arab city in Israel is piped in from a Jewish farm settlement in the Valley of Esdrasion. The 12-inch pipe carries it to a summit overlooking Nazareth where a junction with municipal pipelines allows distribution throughout the city.

Nazareth, the chosen city and one of Christendom's holiest places, was once so insignificant that the term "Nazarene" was applied to Jesus Christ in derision. And, long before the birth of Christ, the city was the target of a variety of invaders.

In the Christian era alone, Nazareth has been conquered many times. The city was wrecked by Saladin in the Christian-Moslem wars of the Middle Ages. In the same period the Christian population was massacred by Bibars, the Egyptian sultan and general. Some of the historic churches have been raised and rebuilt as many as three times.

Less than five miles away was the once thriving city of Sepphoris where the Romans put down a desperate revolt of the Jews led by Judas the Galilean when Jesus was a boy. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, rebuilt Sepphoris, and there is speculation that the young Carpenter may have aided in the reconstruction.

from everyone at **MAC'S** **GOOD YEAR**



For you a good old fashioned Christmas, in the good old fashioned way. May your home be bright with Yuletide cheer, and may you and all your dear ones enjoy life's greatest blessings during the holiday season and in the year to come. From the heart, we send these wishes to all our friends. Do have a wonderful Christmas and happy New Year! . . .

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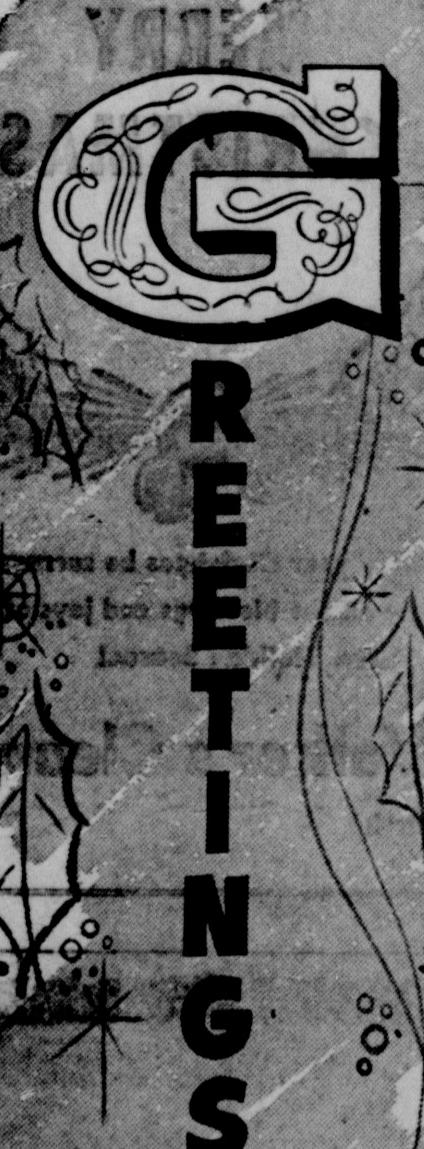
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GREETINGS

We hope that this Holiday Season
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To all - at this
Merry Christmas Time!

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Harrisburg

NEW YORK TRADITION . . . Thousands of holiday shoppers are usually on hand when the traditional Christmas tree is lighted with appropriate ceremonies in Rockefeller Plaza, New York. The nine-foot angels in the foreground are sculptured in wire.

DIZZY DIVORCES: Just How Bad Is the 'Worse' In 'For Better Or For Worse'?

By DICK KLEINER
NEA Staff Correspondent

"For better or worse," the minister usually says in marriage ceremonies. But just how bad is "worse?" Looking over the reasons given for divorce actions in '56, you get the distinct impression that "worse" can be pretty rotten.

And there are as many cruel wives as husbands. Like Mrs. Lawrence Gates of Benton Harbor, Mich. Gates filed for divorce, charging Nina had the habit of waking him up in the morning by pouring cold water over him. Then, when he finally struggled up, she'd change and shower him with hot coffee.

On the other hand, consider the plight of Mrs. Hattie Payne of Chicago. In her divorce proceedings, she testified that in their 16 years of wedded bliss, her husband had given her 1,600 beatings (which is roughly one every three days) and almost 800 black eyes (approximately one a week). She finally decided they'd be happier apart.

Another wife with a hobby of pouring things on her husband was Mrs. Meyer Geller of Milwaukee. Geller claimed she poured turpentine over him, especially when he was in bed. And she tried to set him on fire. This, she alleged, made him nervous. He must be kind of high-strung.

Back to the male side again, specifically to the case of Mrs. Mary Feynman of Los Angeles. Her husband, she told the court, was a physicist who spent most of his waking hours working on problems in higher mathematics. To take his mind off such matters, he would pound on a set of African congo drums. It made him feel better. She felt worse. Divorce granted.

Matching that performance is Mrs. Theron N. Colbath of Portland, Me. Colbath told the court, during his divorce hearing, that



his wife had the rather nasty habit of drilling him in his legs with an electric drill. He complained that he found the practice unpleasant.

Mrs. Doris Carnes of Santa Monica, Calif., testified of another type of cruelty. Her husband was the rooster-pecking kind of man. He even left her a marked TV schedule when he worked nights, and she could only watch programs that he had checked. He must have been a critic.

What can be more cruel than a woman who tells a prospective husband a lie about her age? That was Newcombe Watchorn's position when he got his divorce in Lancaster, Wis. It seems the lady said she was 61, but when they got married he checked and found



she was 71. Watchorn, 85, got his divorce. He'll be more careful next time.

Peggy Lloyd found out it doesn't pay to be a good wife. Peggy, the daughter of comedian Harold Lloyd, won a divorce in Los Angeles after she testified that her husband, Bob Patten, "hated" her because she was such a good wife. Some people are never satisfied.

Another Los Angeles case involved the Bradley family. Juanita won the divorce when she testified that her husband took her to the beach and wanted her to play strip poker. She refused. He tried to drown her, she told the court. "And I don't even know how to play poker," she said, tearfully.

Then there was poor Mrs. Gladys Culum, of Little Rock, Ark. Her husband, she charged, had run for state auditor in the primary elections. He lost. What made her mad was he never even told her he was a candidate. She got her divorce.

Mrs. Virginia Miller of Beverly Hills, Calif., won her divorce when she said she was allergic to her husband. Whenever he was around she got a skin rash.

And a Springfield, Ill., man, Lester D. Plummer, asked the court to annul his marriage. It lasted one month. Plummer claimed he was so emotionally upset after his divorce from his first wife that he didn't know what he was doing when he married his second.

Perhaps the most tragic divorce of all, and one that typifies all broken homes, is the one that separated Mr. and Mrs. George Spencer of Dallas. When it came to making a property settlement, the judge was confronted with the problem of what to do with a pair of love birds.

He awarded the male bird to Spencer and the female to Mrs. Spencer. They both protested that the birds should be together. The judge held fast, but amended his order to add: "Reasonable visitation periods are granted for the male bird to visit the female bird during the mating season."

And so they lived happily ever after.

Christmas Ornaments May Stain Carpets

Christmas crepe paper and New Year's confetti can permanently stain rugs and carpets.

Party papers are colored with a wide range of cheap dyes. When the paper becomes wet, the dyes run badly. The dyes will transfer permanently to textiles. If crepe paper and confetti accidentally get wet, keep them off rugs and carpets.

Should a rug become marked with a paper stain, immediate first-aid is necessary. Mix a teaspoonful of neutral soapless detergent in one-half pint of lukewarm water.

Apply the detergent solution directly to the stain a few drops at a time. Use an eye dropper. Sponge the stained area with clean, white, unsoached cloth or cleaning tissue. This will blot up moisture. Begin at outer edge of stain and work in. Repeat if necessary.

Finish by absorbing any remaining moisture with a clean, damp cloth. Complete absorption is important.

Gifts That Sparkle Add to Holiday Joy

Attractive gifts under a Christmas tree add as much sparkle to the holidays as decorations on the tree.

Plastic foam has unlimited use on packages. A boot three inches high, cut from one-inch-thick plastic foam makes a nice decoration for children's packages.

Brush the boot with shellac and sprinkle red glitter on the wet shellac. Then glue a collar 2 inches thick by 1/4 inches high on the boot.

You can make a wagon from a rectangular box by cutting wagon wheels and a tongue from 1/4-inch plastic foam. Edge the wheels and tongue with pipe cleaners and glue them to the package.

For a three-dimensional look, cut a picture from an old Christmas card. Make paper strips 1/4-inch by 2 inches and pleat them. Attach the picture to the package by gluing one end of the strip to the picture and the other end to the package.

Barnhill Open Air Market
11 S. Commercial
Harrisburg

Wishing you all the joys
and blessings of this holy
Yuletide Season



It's always such a pleasure to get in touch with you like this when Christmastime is here. It is a time for remembering old acquaintances, renewing old friendships — a time when eyes are alight and hearts are warm with the glow of giving and sharing happiness. May we add our wish that all of you, our friends and patrons, may enjoy the blessings of a very Merry Christmas!

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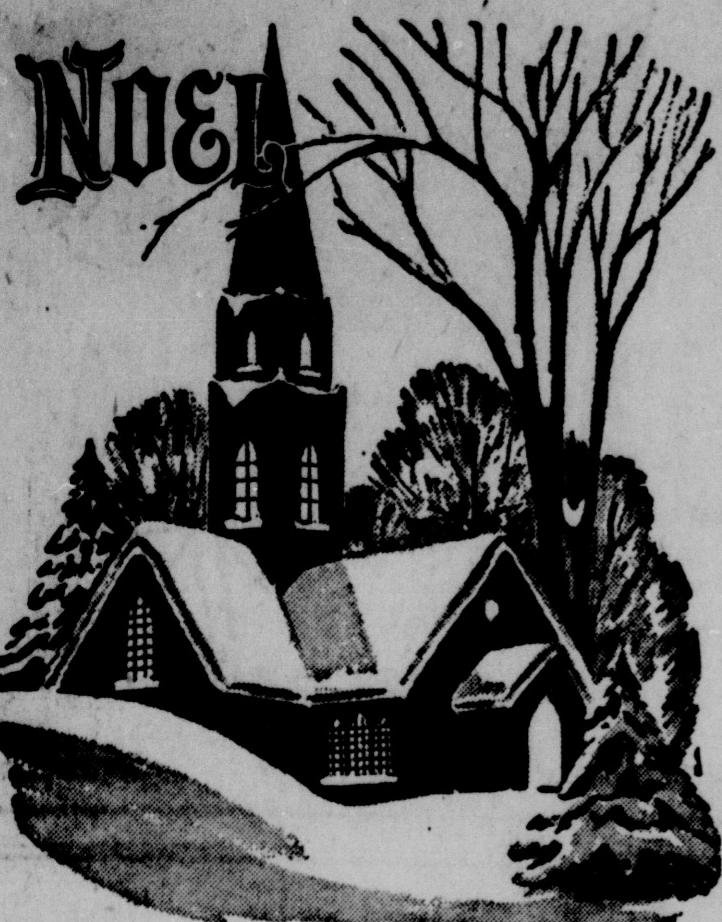
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Happy New Year

to All



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Some Folklore About Christmas

The story of Christmas has been told often and well. It has furnished inspiration for pleasing poetry and themes for some of the world's greatest music. Painters have caught something of its spirit on canvas. Many legends and stories that center about the day have been repeated and recorded as more are gathered.

There is one segment of Christmas lore, however, that appears to be decreasing. This one is made up of the signs, sayings and superstitions that have been passed along by "word of mouth". A

number of items from this lessening portion of our Christmas lore, all heard in southern Illinois, have been gathered and are offered here. Perhaps they will suggest other similar bits to some older persons. If they are being passed on we do not know of it.

A large number of the items of lore in this field are those that would foretell something of coming events. Many were once thought of as guides to approaching weather. For instance, if there is white Christmas it will be green at Easter, followed by a good crop year and plenty of fruit, particularly a fine peach crop if the wind blows from the south. Should Christmas be warm and green, Easter will be white, spring will be late and the crop year will not be so good. An icy time between Christmas and New Year also indicates a good crop year and the number of days between the first snowfall and Christmas will tell the number of snows to be expected during the winter.

Perhaps the most elaborate method prescribed for foretelling the weather for each month of the coming year is the one making use of a dozen onions. The ritual using these onions should be carried out between eleven o'clock and midnight on New Year's Eve in the following manner here indicated. Each of twelve onions is cut across the top and hollowed out about halfway down. All are then placed on a table in an east-west row and named for the months of the year. About an equal amount of salt is next placed in each hollowed top. After this, no one should go near the row of onions until the following morning.

At that time some of the depressions will be found to contain water while others may be dry. The amount of water in each cavity will indicate the relative amount of rainfall for the corresponding month. We have often heard of this bit of weather lore and have known it to be tried.

Snowy weather at Christmas time also foretells general good health for the next several months. If the ground is covered with snow, expect a green Easter and a "lean graveyard". Should Christ-

mas be green Easter will be white, there will be more sickness and a "fat graveyard".

Good luck may be woody by tying a head of cabbage to the ceiling and sticking nails in it. If no head of cabbage is available, equally good results may be had by eating sauerkraut for Christmas dinner. Pork and blackeyed peas may be substituted.

A number of the season's superstitions relate to animals. Cows and other livestock kneel at midnight on Christmas Eve but woe betide the one who watches them. A folklorist in Indiana tells of a report that a woman who thus snoozed suffered a stroke and could never again talk. On Christmas Eve animals can understand what is said to them and can talk with spirits at midnight. If stables are cleaned during the Christmas-New Year week, witches will not hurt the stock during the coming year.

Other Superstitions

On Christmas Eve the spirits talk and children born on Christmas Day can see and understand them. The crowing of a rooster at night presages ill luck, unless the crowing be done during the Christmas season. Misfortune also comes if evergreens used for decorations are left up after January. Those who take a bath between Christmas and New Year will be clean all the year. Also, a fly must not be killed on Christmas Day.

If someone is curious about the identity of a future mate, that person needs only place the wishbone from the Christmas fowl above the doorway. The first eligible person passing beneath it will be that mate. Ashes must not be removed on Christmas Day and a woman must not knit or sew between that day and the fourth day of the New Year.

If someone wishes to guard his dog against the danger of rabies for the coming year, let him feed the dog some silver filings on buttered toast at noon on Christmas Day. If anyone wishes to know the number of gifts that he will receive, let him count the number of white spots in his fingernails. The writer must be in for some disappointment for he can't find a single little white spot.

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Christmas Trees—The Tradition

By L. P. Neff, Supervisor
Shawnee National Forest

All year long the forester is very close to the trees and land in the forest. He has worked and worried with the economics of timber harvest; he has been alert to protecting this same forest from all its enemies. The needs of wildlife and forest recreation have been no small task. Inherently, his concern is focused to the future as well as present problems as evidenced by the Timber Resource Review report on the nation-wide forestry situation.

But this is the Christmas season! A time when the forest literally invades our homes. The Christmas tree tradition is a beautiful story and Extension Forester A. M. Sowder, Extension Service has captured it well.

The traditional use of evergreen trees during the Christmas season provides a time when all Americans are brought in close contact with the fragrance and freshness of the forest. Christmas trees probably add more to mark the period of "peace on earth—good will toward men" than any other product of the soil. Indoors and outdoors Christmas trees have become essential for decorative purposes in the homes, in the parks and on the streets, in churches and business houses. The spreading branches serve most fittingly, too, as a delightful hiding place for Santa Claus' presents for children and adults. Strangely enough, the first record of trimmed Christmas trees in the United States appears in the period of the American Revolution when Hessian soldiers—recently from Germany—made use of them. However, the practice did not gain much headway in this country until about the middle of the nineteenth century when, after a year of controversy and doubt, it became an established custom in Cleveland, Ohio.

At first, the trimmings, if any, consisted mostly of tufts of cotton, and strings of popcorn and cranberries. Other decorations were flowers, replicas of foodstuffs, paper ornaments, and the like. Such trimmings have long since been replaced by factory-made highly colored ornaments, tinsels, strings of electric lights, and various novelties.

CUSTOM MAY HAVE STEMMED FROM A WINTERY SCENE

The Christmas tree went through a long process of development. A fully decorated twentieth century tree bears little resemblance to its forebears. Some historians trace the lighted Christmas tree back to Martin Luther (1483-1546). The story is that while strolling throughout the countryside one Christmas Eve under a brilliant starlit sky, his thoughts turned to the nativity of the Christ Child. Luther was impressed with the beauty of the heavens and the wintery landscape. He observed the snow-flecked evergreen trees sparkling in the moonlight. Returning home, he related the experience to his family and attempted to reproduce the outdoor scene. To a small evergreen tree he attached lighted candles to simulate the reflections of the starlit heaven—the heaven that looked down over Bethlehem on the first Christmas Eve.

This would date the first lighted Christmas tree prior to 1546. However, the use of candles apparently did not at once become firmly established as a decoration because mention of the Christmas tree custom in Strasbourg a century later does not refer to lights. At first lights on a tree were considered ridiculous or "child's play." Until about 1700, the Christmas tree custom appears to have been confined to the Rhine River district. From 1700 on, when lights were accepted as part of the decorations, the Christmas tree was well on its way to becoming a tradition in Germany. During the American Revolution, the tradition of the Christmas tree crossed the Atlantic with the Hessian soldiers. A description of Christmas festivities at Fort Dearborn, Ill., in 1804 mentions a Christmas tree.

Finland is credited with having accepted the custom about 1800, Denmark 1810, Sweden 1820, and Norway about 1830. From these Scandinavian countries the custom spread to France and England about 1840. Records show that 35,000 Christmas trees were sold in Paris about 1890.

TREES AND BOUGHS USED FOR RITUALS

Some folk trace the origin of the Christmas tree to an earlier period. Even before the Christian era, trees and boughs were used for ceremonials. Egyptians, in celebrating the winter solstice—or shortest day of the year—brought green date palms into their homes as a symbol of "life triumphant over death." When the Romans observed the feast of Saturn, a part of the ceremony was the raising of an evergreen bough. The early Scandinavians are said to have done homage to the fir tree.

To the Druids, sprigs of evergreen in the house meant eternal life; while to the Norsemen, they symbolized the revival of the sun god Balder. To those who were inclined toward superstition, branches of evergreens placed over the door kept out witches, ghosts, evil spirits, and the like. This does not mean that our Christmas tree custom evolved solely from paganism, any more than did some of the present-day use of greenery in various religious rituals. Trees and branches can be made purposeful as well as symbolic. In America the decorated Christmas tree has become an accepted tradition dur-

Memorable Christmas Music

According to the Bible story of Christmas, the first carol was sung by a chorus of angels from Heaven—the "Gloria in Excelsis"—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

There is no fact as to why the Christmas songs are called "carols". The Latin origin of the word means "to dance in a ring," and the earliest songs were usually accompanied by some sort of dance movements. Others seem to think the word stems from the same derivation as "chorus".

St. Francis of Assisi is reputed to have conducted a Christmas service singing the Gospel and giving the sermon, and is credited for the first significant carol.

The ballad type of carol, now considered by musical writers as the true carol, is the folk song type, handed down from generation to generation.

reach by prowling animals. On the other hand, trees were worshipped by many people and gifts of food were often hung in the branches as offerings or sacrifices to the deities. Giving to others was a Christian trait, hence the gifts were hung in "Christian trees" — or Christmas trees."

The wassail bowl was a bowl of spiced and sweetened wine or ale, a feature of medieval Christmas celebrations.

Swedish Christmas Snack is Formidable

Swedish Christmas — (UPI)—Many persons of Swedish ancestry in Minnesota will sit down to a smorgasbord Christmas Eve. On the menu will be:

Sliced Christmas bread, and other kinds of bread, butter, cheese; pickled herring, anchovies; herring salad; head cheese, Jellied veal and pork with pickled beets, sausages, boiled and smoked, hot and cold; pigs' head and pigs' feet; ham with mustard; roasted spare ribs with applesauce and prunes; mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, red cabbage, carrots and peas; "pot liquor" (the stock in which the ham and sausages have been cooked).

It is an old custom to have a large kettle of hot "pot liquor" standing on the stove into which everyone dips a few slices of bread.

Boiled "lutfisk" with melted butter, white or mustard sauce and boiled potatoes; rice porridge with cinnamon and milk also are offered.

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Merry Christmas!



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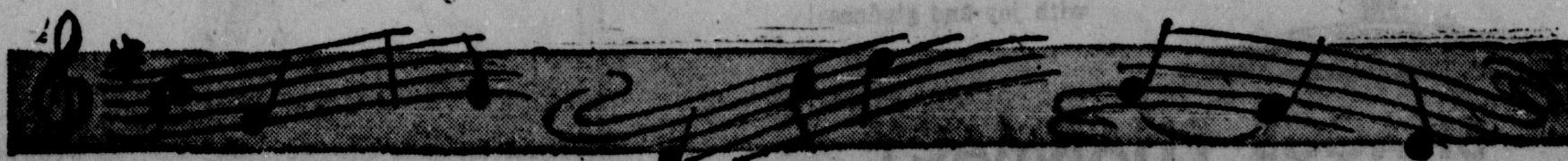
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Local Postal Drivers Qualify For Safety Card

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Road tests, physical examinations, and safe driver training culminated the intensive safety program in the Post Office Department. All postal drivers in the Chicago Region, which embraces the States of Illinois and Michigan, including rural carriers, now have qualified by taking the comprehensive tests. When the program is completed nationwide, all of the Postal Department's 96,000 vehicle operators, largest fleet of automobile drivers in the land, will have taken the exams. Collectively it is the biggest safety campaign ever accomplished in America.

Harrisburg postal drivers have learned to appreciate that safety consciousness is being recognized by compliments rather than by complaints, lodged by patrons. The drivers are instructed that courtesy is contagious and that postal vehicles have no special traffic privileges but must conform to local, county, state and federal traffic laws.

The program toward controlling needless accidents has had a favorable effect on the traffic toll.

Christmas Legends

The topmost ornament on a Christmas tree is called a gipfel.

A group of archaeologists recently discovered the name of Jesus carved before 70 A.D. among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Bethlehem-Jerusalem road.

Kris Kringle is not a German term for Santa Claus. The name is a modification of 'Kristol', who according to German legend, is a white-robed angel—a messenger of the Infant Jesus, bringing gifts to children.

That America gave the world its most beloved Christmas plant—the poinsettia. The plant is a native of tropical America.

The number of mince pies you taste at Christmas indicates the number of happy months you'll have during the coming year, according to an old English belief.

For three centuries following His birth, Christ's nativity was celebrated at various times in January, March, April, May, September, and October by Christian groups.

The Puritan Government banned the celebration of Christmas in England in 1643 in an attempt to do away with all forms of frivolity.

A churchman, John Pierpont, composed the gay Christmas song, "Jingle Bells," which has been popular for over a century.

Christmas Card Custom Just Past Century Mark

It would be difficult to imagine the Yuletide season without a deluge of gay and colorful Christmas cards. Yet the custom of exchanging these cheery greetings is just a hundred years old. It began in 1842, when a 16-year-old apprentice engraver, William Maw Egley of London, England, designed a card to send to his friends. Only one hundred copies were made of his quaintly cluttered design, which depicted a formal banquet, a dancing party and a group of skaters.

Beneath the illustration young Egley wrote, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You"—a Yuletide greeting which still remains the most popular ever written.

The first Christmas card to win complete acceptance was sent in 1862 by a London publisher, Charles Goodall & Sons.

In the twenty years that intervened the idea had spread to the United States, and in 1874 a Boston lithographer, Louis Prang, issued his first Christmas card, thus launching an industry.

Prang's cards were world famous for their beauty and craftsmanship and sold for several dollars each.

They used few of the traditional Christmas scenes, so familiar today, but instead depicted spring flowers, harvest scenes and children at play.

Many of Prang's designs were borrowed from the paintings of Elihu Vedder, whose murals grace the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C.

NATIVITY SCENE FAVORED
Still the most popular theme for modern Christmas cards is the Nativity scene. Hundreds of interpretations have appeared, many of which are reproductions of the old masters.

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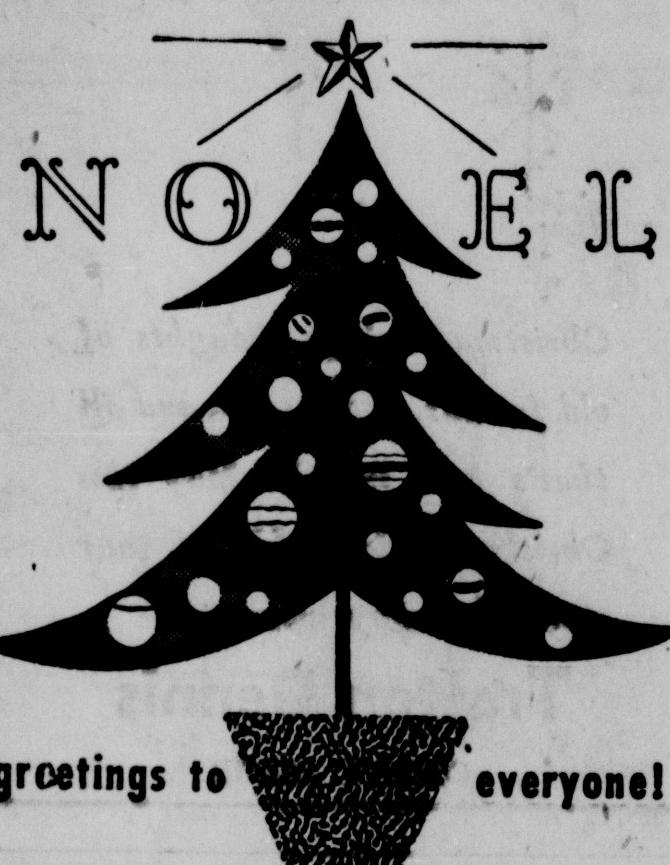
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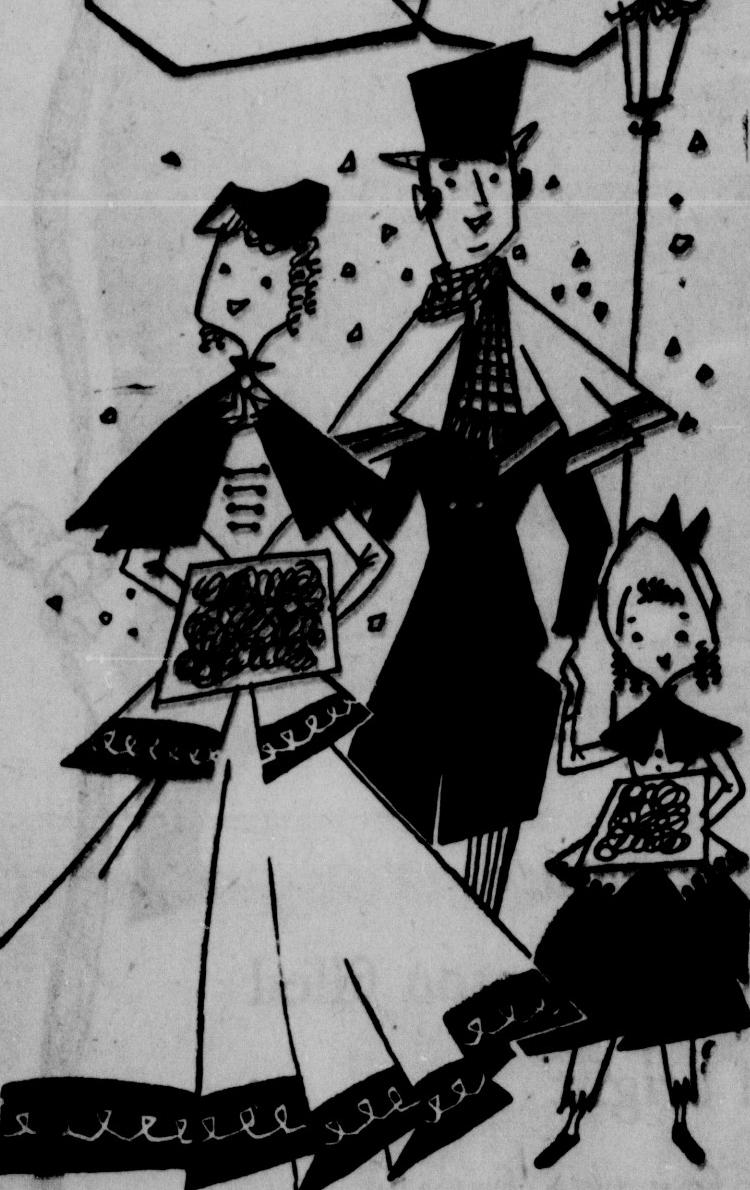


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And so they came, the Wise Men and the shepherds, the rich and the poor, gathered about Him and they lifted up their voices with prayer and each heart

There in the manger they found the Christ Child, the silence of Heaven filled with love and courage and hope.



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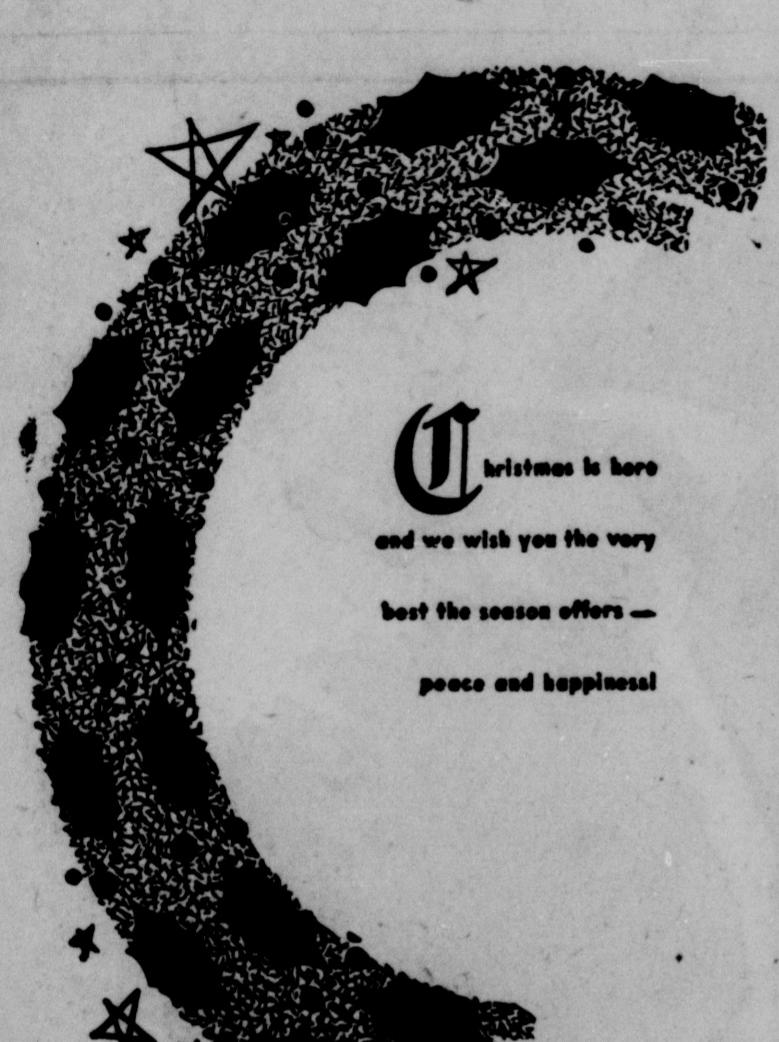
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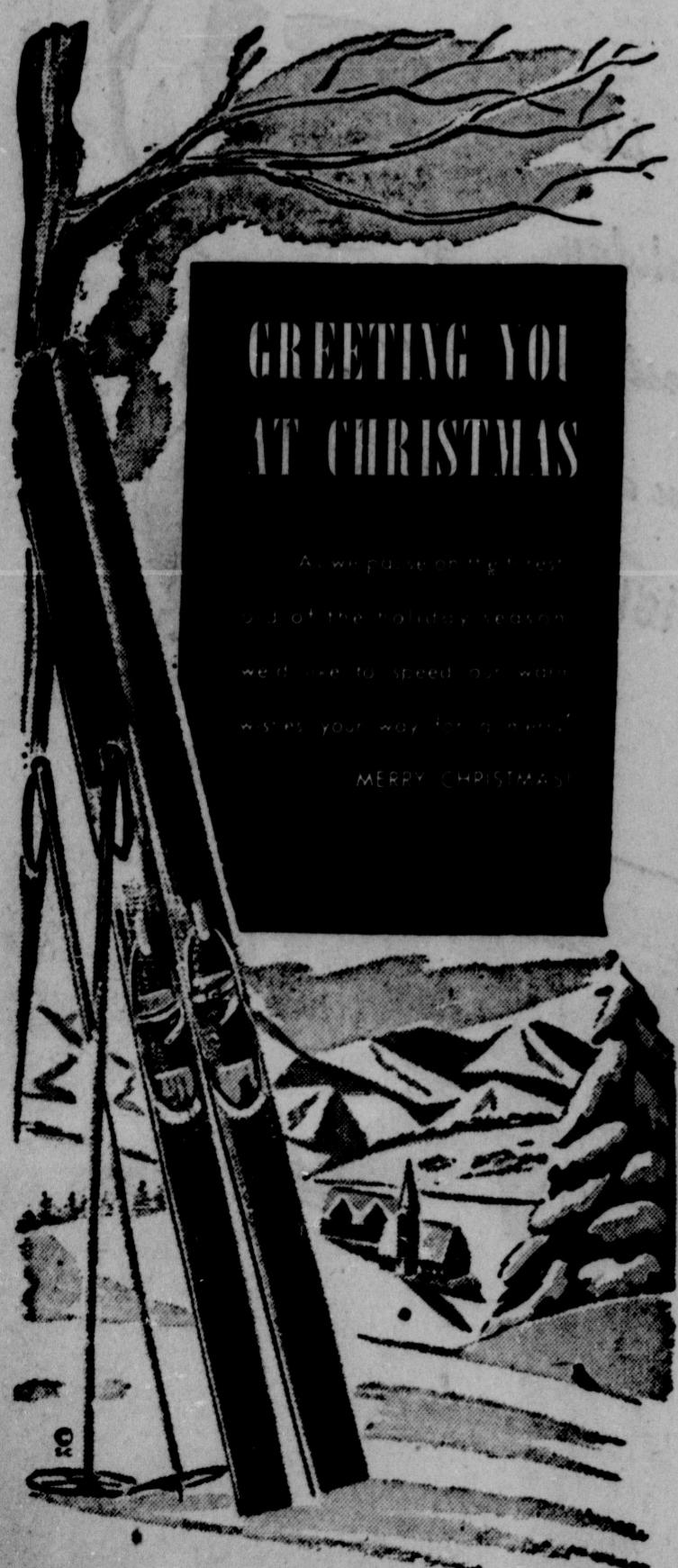
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Most experts expect a booming adult toy market to make this a record year for manufacturers and sellers of toys and games. For several years, toy makers have been catering to the hobbyist and the "over 65" age group and now they find themselves with a toy market that is brisk at both ends of the age group.

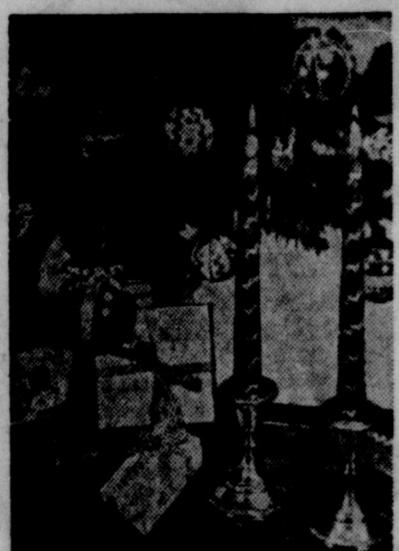
Today's adult who works, and the elder who has retired, have plenty of leisure time on their hands and each year hundreds take up such hobbies as miniature shipbuilding, model railroading, or the less strenuous word or card games.

Some of the grown-up items on the market for the last year's top toy selling Christmas season included a \$10 scale model kit of the liner S.S. United States, "HO" gauge electric trains, model power boats, pool tables, shuffleboard sets, and an endless list of word games.

Biggest volume item in the adult toy field are the word games and the increased popularity has been so marked that within the past year two manufacturers doubled their plant capacity for producing games.

The toy makers have no intention of forgetting the nearly 50 million youngsters under 14 who are their principal market, but they are cultivating the "over 65" group—and their reasoning is simply that the older age group has more money to spend and is more interested in finding ways to occupy time.

Some manufacturers of "do-it-yourself" tools and gadgets are cashing in on the adult toy market by putting models of their products on the toy counters. Among items in this category last Christmas were a "mobile" loudspeaker, an intercom set, and a hand drill. Plenty of these were sold to grown-ups who put them to practical use.



Christmas Customs From Many Peoples

The observance of Christmas in the United States, is a combination of customs which have come to us from Germany, England, Italy, Turkey, and many other countries, customs which have been combined into a beautiful and varied observance.

Christmas customs, combined with a proper appreciation of the spiritual nature of the observance, gives the real meaning of Christmas and the universal message it holds for all mankind, "Peace on earth": good will to men!"



"Merry Christmas" — the most universal of all greetings — is repeated thousands of times around the world. Here's how the greeting may be extended in various languages:

Italian	Buon Natale!	Chinese	Tin Hao Nian!
Japanese	Kinge Shinnen!	Croatian	Sretan Bozic!
Norwegian	Gledelig Jul!	Czech	Vesela Vancel!
Polish	Wesolych Swiat!	Danish	Glaedelig Jul!
Portuguese	Feliz Natal!	Dutch	Frolijke Kerstma!
Romanian	Sarbatori Fericite!	French	Joyeux Noel!
Russian	Vespoloye Roidyestvo!	Gaelic	Nodlag Sons Duit!
Serbian	Kristos Se Rodil!	German	Froehliche Weihnachten!
Slovak	Vesele Vianoce!	Greek	Chrystostoma!
Spanish	Felices Pascuas!	Hawaiian	Mele Kalikimaka!
Swedish	Glad Julen!	Hungarian	Boldog Karacsony!
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Jimmy Burroughs

Circuit Clerk of Saline County

Gift Giving Has Many Beginnings

There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of gift giving at Christmas time started.

One legend states that gift giving at Yule time originated in ancient England, where it was started it all. Now gift giving is traditional.



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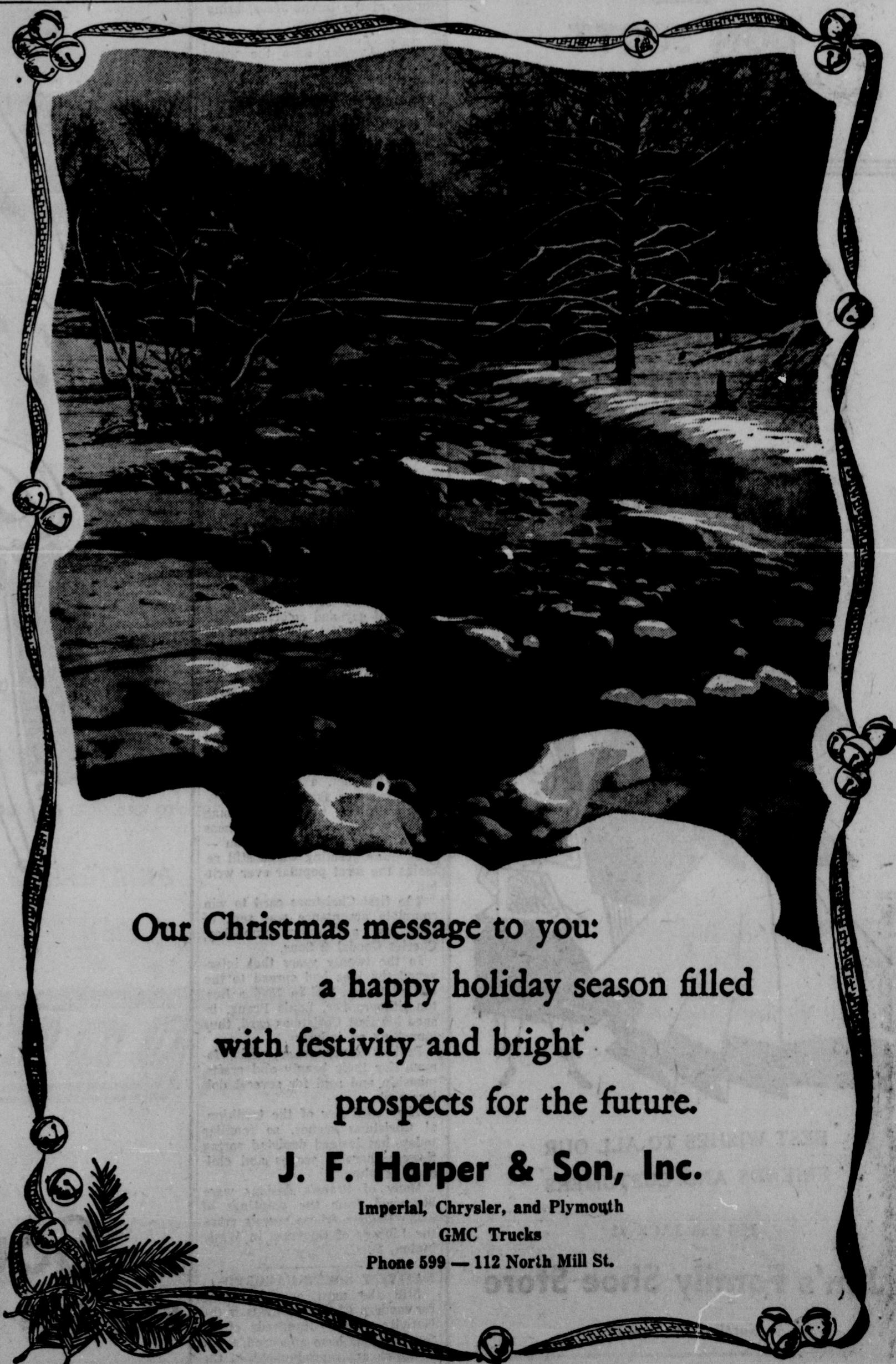
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Christmas Younger Than New Year

JOHN W. ALLEN

Southern Illinois University
Many customs, practices and beliefs have followed along with man through centuries of time. It may be of interest at this season to observe some of them, particularly those that have become attached to the world's most widely observed anniversary, New Year.

This does not necessarily mean the New Year is the most widely observed anniversary of Christendom. Here it is rivalled by Christmas. Observation of the advent of a new year, however, is made by many millions of people living in other than Christian countries. The date set aside by other people as a point from which to measure time is not always January 1; in fact, the Western World has not always used the present New Year date.

The two present anniversaries of Christmas and New Year once were observed together and with many of the present practices. Until long after their beginning it was apparently not so much an observance of a particular day or days as it was the observance of a season of several days.

Encouraged by Pope

When a distinction was made between the two days and they became separated through church and state action, certain common practices of the season became attached to the one or the other of the days. Many of the customs that were consistent with Christian principles became a part of the Christmas festival.

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Season's Greetings

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Eureka, Montana, high in the Rockies, with a population of about 1,000, is said to be the Christmas tree capital of the world.

More than 150 freight carloads of trees go out of this community each year to brighten homes everywhere.

This practice of borrowing from established customs was encouraged by Pope Gregory who, about 300 A.D., wrote to Augustine of Canterbury, "Permit and even encourage such harmless, popular customs as are capable of Christian interpretation." With this approval of the church, many of the older customs in use took on a new significance.

Though it is known that the custom of observing the beginning of a new year is an old one, considerable mystery surrounds its origin. It appears that the practice began at a very early time and in widely separated places. Since we are more concerned with our own New Year, one of the explanations of its origin may be of interest.

In practically all of Europe a new year was thought of as beginning with the winter solstice that occurs by our present calendar on December 21, the shortest day of the year. Since the days began to lengthen or "grow" after the solstice, it was only natural that they should reason that a new year had begun.

Pagan man did not understand the reasons for the sun sinking lower in the sky each day as the winter season approached. He thought that some god was withdrawing the sun and that unless the responsible god could be induced to halt the lowering and return the sun, it would entirely disappear below the horizon. Then there would be no more day; night alone would reign, winter would never end, there would not be another growing season, and man would perish in the continuous night and winter.

Hope is Renewed

Primitive man, therefore, entreated his gods to halt the decline of the sun and to return it to its proper position higher in the sky. Incantations and sacrifices were made and rituals and ceremonies were enacted to induce the gods to reverse the sun's trend. When the winter solstice had passed and it became apparent that the sun had paused in its sinking and was once more rising higher above the horizon each day, the joy of man was great. The "unconquerable sun" was once more returning to bless man with another growing season.

Grateful as he naturally was for another summer and the opportunity it offered him to continue living, he gave expression to his felt joy. He sang, feasted, danced, and otherwise expressed his happiness. He implored the further good will of the gods and dealt kindly with his neighbor. His hope had been renewed. It was not strange, therefore, that when Christ came bringing a new spiritual hope to the world that the element of hope and gratitude in the pagan custom was "capable of Christian interpretation." Thus many of the olden practices of the season became attached to the newly established Christmas.

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